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Chasing the Wind **Virginia Wing Cadet Conor Dancy presolos** during the 2005 National Glider Flight Academy in Rome, Ga. Twenty-four cadets attended the 10-day intensive flighttraining program, and by the time it was over, five had soloed and 16 presoloed. Story on Page 4 Photo by Lt. Col. Dave Brubaugh

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CAPSHOTS

Florida members help NASA return to space

Wing flies reconnaissance missions for Space Shuttle Discovery launch

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS - Florida Wing members were part of history in July as they flew reconnaissance for the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery over Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Maj. Mike Cook, incident commander for the mission, said volunteers, including air, ground and technical crews worked about 360 hours in preparation and during the actual mission.

Maj. Cook said wing members initially used 15 people for the mission when the

shuttle was slated to take off earlier in the month. Once that first launch was scrubbed, Cook said a crew of six took part in the actual launch.

Normally, CAP's mission would go up to an hour before the launch, but with the Discovery, the crew flew until 12 hours before lift-off and then the Air Force and Coast Guard picked up the security mission, according to Maj. John McWhorter, Florida Wing chief of Homeland Security.

The wing's job is to fly the perimeter of the range looking for anything out of the ordinary boats washed up on the beach, vehicles where they should not be, people where they should not be.

Maj. Cook said often something looks out of the ordinary to the aircrew, but when they radio the 45th Space Wing Security Forces, they are aware of the situation. If it is something the security forces are not aware of, they send someone to investigate.

Wing members may not perform law enforcement duties. Their mission is simply reconnaissance and taking slow-scan video, according to Joe

> Curry, assistant chief of the National **Operations Center** at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force

Base, Ala.

Vicki Terrinoni

Staff Writer

During the Discovery launch, Maj. Cook said the aircrew did not find anything the security forces were not aware of previously.

Florida Wing units fly out of Patrick Air Force Base near Cape Canaveral. The group also flies reconnaissance for all Air Force missile and rocket launches but does not participate in any commercial launches, Maj. Cook said.

The state of Florida uses the wing for several operations, Mr. Curry said. He said CAP is often called upon because military and government assets are expensive and they are not trained to fly slowly as is the CAP group. The majority of CAP aircraft



2nd Lt. Todd Wean of the Florida Wing's Ormond Beach Senior Squadron is about to use a landing gear attachment to guide one of the wing's Cessna C-172s into position for maintenance at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. 2nd Lt. Wean just completed flying a security surveillance mission around the Space Shuttle Discovery at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

are single-engine, fixed high-wing planes used for observation.

Col. Joe Martin, Florida Wing commander, said the sorties the wing flies are beneficial to Cape Canaveral in supporting the Air Force missions.

Since the pilots are all volunteers, Maj. Curry said it allows customers to budget for less money than it would cost to use military assets.

But to fly missions at Cape Canaveral, the pilots have special clearance and training, according to Maj. McWhorter. Most of the training comes in little details such as areas they cannot fly over, places they cannot go and things they cannot say.

Mai. Cook said the volunteers often have to take vacation time from their regular jobs to go on a mission, but they willingly do it "in order to give something back to their coun-

"The dedication and commitment shown by our members is to be commended. We have lots of volunteers who want to give back to their country," Col. Martin said.



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A Quote in Time

"The 2005 Aircraft Manufacturing Academy was far beyond anything we hoped for. Everything meshed completely. The people at Cessna were super hosts, and the college staff went out of their way to accommodate the cadets' busy schedule."

Mai, Phil Holbrook, 2005 Aircraft Manufacturing Academy Activity Director (Story on Page 13)

GEORGIA WING SPAATZ PRESENTATION



Savannah Composite Squadron Cadet Lt. Col. Carl Godbee poses with Georgia Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Scott A. Hammond after receiving his Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award during the 2005 Georgia Wing Annual Conference at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga.

ND MEMBERS ASSIST WARD COUNTY OFFICIALS WITH FLOOD ASSESSMENT USING AERIAL DIGITAL IMAGING

NORTH DAKOTA -Magic City Composite Squadron members assisted Ward County officials in assessing flooding caused by heavy

Pilot Lt. Col. Chad Grondahl flew Ward County Engineer Dana Larsen in one of the wing's newest glasscockpit-equipped Cessna C-182s.

During the one-hour flight, Mr. Larsen took more than 170 digital images of the southern Ward County area near Minot, N.D., to provide county emergency management officials with an overview of the damage caused by flash flooding and heavy

"These pictures will help in evaluating area drainage

SOUTHEAST REGION BREWER AWARD WINNER



From left, Florida Wing Commander Col. Joseph Martin; Florida Wing Aerospace Education Director Lt. Col. John Lynn; retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Richard Ortega, the Air Force Association's vice president of Aerospace Education in Florida; then Acting CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda; and Southeast Region Commander Col. Matthew Sharkey pose for a photo with Chief Ortega, who received the Southeast Region Brewer Lifetime Achievement Award during the Florida Wing Conference in Orlando, Fla.

and river capacities within southern Ward County," said Mr. Larsen.

Members of the North Dakota Wing have participated in numerous exercises and several search and rescue and disaster relief missions with other units in the North Central Region.

Capt. Bruce A. Helms

SENIOR MEMBERS, CADETS VISIT INDIANA LEGISLATORS; CADETS SERVE AS PAGES, COMMANDER ADDRESSES GROUP

INDIANA - Several Indiana Wing senior members and cadets visited the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate

Sen. Sue Landske welcomed the members and made the cadets pages for the day, and Indiana Wing Commander Col. Charles Greenwood addressed the legislators and sang during a chapel service.

According to Lt. Col. Ralph Bruns, legislative squadron commander, 50 senators, 97 representatives, three key staff members and eight executive branch members have joined the squadron. "We are looking forward to working hand in hand with our legislators to make America a safer place to live," said Col. Greenwood.

Other members who visited were 1st Lt. Mark Wilkinson, wing chaplain; Lt. Col. John Bryan, Valparaiso Composite Squadron commander; Capt. Tim Turner, Col. James H. Kasler Senior Squadron public affairs officer; cadets Master Sgt. Thomas Sternickle and Airman 1st Class Joseph Vugrin, both with the Valparaiso squadron; and 1st Lt. Kathy Bruns, Indian Wing assistant legislative liaison.

1st Lt. Kathy Bruns

FIRST FEMALE THUNDERBIRDS PILOT FORMER CALIFORNIA WING CADET

Force Capt.

Nicole

Malachowski

NEVADA — A former California Wing cadet has been selected as the first female demonstration pilot on any U.S. military highperformance jet team.

Capt. Nicole (Ellingwood) Malachowski has been assigned to fly the Thunderbirds No. 3 right wing position — the first female Thunderbirds pilot in the unit's 52 year history - according to U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron officials at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Capt. Malachowski, presently assigned to the 494th Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, as

an F-15E Strike Eagle flight commander and instructor pilot, began her CAP career in the California Wing's Cable

Composite Squadron. She is a 1996 Air Force Academy gradu-

Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins, from the Air Force Weapons School at Nellis, was selected to be the lead pilot and squadron commander.

Capt. Ed

Casey of the 56th Training Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz., is the other new demonstration pilot named to the team. Capt. Tad Clark, of the

52nd Operations Support Squadron at Spangdahlem Air

> Base, Germany, is the new advanced pilot and narrator.

Returning pilots include Majs. Rusty Keen, Steve Horton, Brian Farrar and Jeremy Sloane.

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit comprised of eight pilots, six of whom

are demonstration pilots; four support officers; four civilians; and about 120 enlisted

Airmen in more than 29 career specialties.

A Thunderbirds demonstration is a mix of six aircraft performing formation flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the solos highlight the maximum capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The team's first performance was June 8, 1953, at Luke. Since then, the Thunderbirds have flown for more than 310 million people at 3,944 air demonstrations in all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries

NEWSFRONT

National Flight Encampment-Glider

Cadets spend 10 days 'flying like eagles'

Capt. Tonya Boylan Director, Public Affairs Georgia Wing

NATIONAL HEADQUAR-TERS - For the fourth year in a row, Civil Air Patrol conducted a National Flight Academy for gliders at the Richard B. Russell Airport in Rome, Ga.

Twenty-four cadets - representing 17 CAP wings and six regions - spent 10 intensive days learning to fly like eagles.

During the academy, which ran from July 13 to July 23, five cadets were able to make their first solo flights and 16 presoloed.

The five cadets who solved were Andrew Albee, Mississippi Wing; Christopher Giacomo, New Hampshire Wing; Antonio More', Tennessee Wing; Thomas McArthur, Georgia Wing; and Reza Oskoui, New Jersey Wing.

The 16 cadets who presoloed were Zachary Bowen, Maryland Wing; Joseph Brown, Tennessee Wing; Zachary Chuckran, Alaska Wing; Meaghan Clark, Mississippi Wing; Conor Dancy, Virginia Wing; Nicholas Dill, Connecti-



Tennessee Wing Cadet Antonio Gemma More' runs the wing for Cadet Sarah Rothman's first glider training flight at CAP's National Flight Academy-Gliders held in Rome, Ga., July 13-23.

cut Wing; Christopher Kyser, Alabama Wing; David Lafferty. New York Wing; Andrew Nadler, Mississippi Wing; Byron Quine, Texas Wing; Kimberley Smith , Colorado Wing; Christopher Smith, South Carolina Wing; Jacob Suggs, Florida Wing; Stephen Suggs, Florida Wing; Gabriel Thomas, Georgia Wing; and Sarah Vernoski, New Jersey Wing. Also attending the academy were Sarah Rothman, North Carolina Wing; George Sass, Tennessee Wing; and Gabriel Thomas, Georgia Wing.

Acceptance into a CAP

flight academy is a highly competitive process. More than 120 cadets nationwide applied for the academy in Rome, but only 24 were selected. Selection was based on each cadet's ranking within their individual wings, their CAP achievements and recommendations from squadron and wing commanders.

The senior member staff for the academy included representatives from across the Southeast. This group included nine certified flight instructors for gliders, 12 tow pilots -

some of whom also served as CFIGs - and 12 nonpilot ground staff. The aircraft assets included four tow planes and seven gliders. Assets from Georgia, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina were used. The activity director was Lt. Col. David Blubaugh and the deputy activity director was Capt. Tonya Boylan, both of the Georgia Wing.

The cadets were housed at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga., and the awards banquet was held at Shorter College in



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Cadets attending the 2005 **Engineering Technologies** Academy at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., build airfoils with carbon-fiber material. The students later tested the airfoils in a wind tunnel at the school's engineering laboratory. Sixteen cadets from 11 wings attended E-Tech - one of two such academies CAP offered this summer. CAP's 30-plus national activities attract more than 1,300 cadets every year. The activities are all aerospace related and range from powered and glider flight academies to participating in pararescue training.

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NEWSFRONT

Tennessee aviation community honors 50-year wing member

95-year-old aviatrix Lt. Col. Evelyn Johnson has chalked up more than 57,600 flying hours, more than any other woman in aviation history

Bob Minter

President, Tennessee Museum of Aviation

TENNESSEE - More than 400 people gathered to pay tribute to 95-year old legendary aviatrix and 50-year Tennessee Wing member Lt. Col. Evelyn Bryan Johnson of Morristown, Tenn.

The event was hosted by the Tennessee Museum of Aviation and Aviation Hall of Fame to commemorate Col. Johnson's retirement as a designated pilot examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration. Col. Johnson was first appointed to the post by the Civil Aviation Administration in 1952 and has held the position for 53 years.

The tribute was entitled "To Mama Bird, with Love." Col. Johnson earned the title of "Mama Bird" early in her career as a flight instructor because of her protective and caring way with her student pilots. Col. Johnson was honored by the FAA for performing more than 9,000 pilot flight examinations during her career. With more than 57,600 hours of flying time - the equivalent of 6 1/2 years in the air - she has accumulated more flying time than any woman in aviation history and is listed in the "Guinness Book of World Records."

Those attending the tribute to Col. Johnson were a who's who in aviation, government and politics, including former U.S. Sen. Howard Baker and his wife, former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, who recently returned from serving as U.S. Ambassador to Japan. Sen. Baker recalled a flight test he had taken with Col.



Tennessee Museum of Aviation spokesperson Stella Parton poses with 95-yearold aviatrix Lt. Col. Evelyn Bryan Johnson during a special tribute held to commemorate the colonel's retirement as a designated pilot examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration. Col. Johnson, a 50-year member of the Tennessee Wing, has accumulated more flying time than any woman in aviation history more than 57,600 hours or the equivalent of 6 1/2 years in the air. She is listed in the "Guinness Book of World Records."

Johnson when she threatened to fail him if he didn't perform a specific maneuver required to get his pilot's license.

Carolyn Blum, adminstrator of FAA's Southern Region in Atlanta presented Col. Johnson with two rare FAA awards and a portrait of an aircraft like the one she first soloed in 1946.

Phil Boyer, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association president, the largest aviation organization in the world, traveled from the association's headquarters in Frederick, Md., near the nation's capitol, to honor Col. Johnson. Elaine Morrow, international president of The Ninety Nines, came from Minnesota to represent the all-women pilots association.

Also present was Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless, former CAP National Commander, who presented Col. Johnson with a national award to recognize her more than 50 years of service to CAP. The colonel also was presented a resolution from the Tennessee State Senate sponsored by Sen. Steve Southerland.

Also attending was Carolyn Jensen of Knoxville, Tenn., representing the majority leader of the U.S. Senate, Dr. Bill Frist. Sen. Frist is also an active pilot.

Lt. Gov. Johr. Wilder and other invited members of the Tennessee General Assembly were unable to attend because of an extended conclusion of the legislative session, but he and all of those who had to remain in Nashville, including Gov. Bredesen, sent personal wishes and congratulations to "Mama Bird" that were conveved through the museum's executive director, Bob Minter, who acted as emcee for the evening.

The event ended with a special song sung to the colonel by the museum's new spokesperson. international celebrity Stella Parton, a native of Sevierville, Tenn.

Col. Johnson concluded the celebration by announcing that the city of Morristown had recently renewed her contract to manage Moore-Murrell Airport, so she wasn't really retiring altogether. She has managed the airport since it opened in 1953.

Middle East Region holds annual conference in Richmond

Lt. Col. Karen Copenhaver Director, Public Affairs Middle East Region

MIDDLE EAST REGION More than 250 Civil Air Patrol and Air Force members, as well as CAP National Headquarters staff converged on the Sheraton Park South Hotel in

Richmond, Va., for the 2005 Middle East Region Conference.

The conference focused on the theme "Directions To Success" and was punctuated with 17 seminars, which highlighted new equipment, tips and training for success in CAP programs.

The event kicked off with a reception hosted by the region's Drug Demand Reduction staff. Numerous displays were open for viewing, including ones from the Virginia Aviation Historical Society and a flight simulator with fatalvision goggles.

In his opening remarks Saturday morning, Middle East Region Commander Col. Charles S. Glass emphasized members' attitudes about participating in training opportunities and performing to the

In his opening remarks, **Middle East Region** Commander Col. Charles S. Glass stressed the importance of safety at all times.

> best of their ability. He also stressed the importance of safety at all times.

> Then, former CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless said CAP performs a "great service for

the country," and he too reminded members "to be and act safe. He also encouraged members to recruit new members and stressed the value of what President John Kennedy referred to as a "wing man."

During the conference members were recognized for their outstanding service.

Award winners were:

Cadet Col. John W. Lovette, North Carolina Wing, Cadet of the

→ Lt. Col. Johnnetta C. Mayhew, region staff, Senior Member of the

→ Lt. Col. Royce A. Beachman, North Carolina Wing, Unit Chaplain of the Year:

→ Capt. Catherine Egan, Virginia Wing, Administrative Officer of the Year;

- Lt. Col. Earl R. Loew, West Virginia Wing, Aerospace



Former CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless, left, presents Cadet Col. John W. Lovette of North Carolina Wing's Winston Salem Composite Squadron with the Middle East Region Cadet of the Year plaque as Middle East Region Commander Col. Charles S. Glass

Education Officer of the Year;

→ 2nd Lt. Donald A. Williams, West Virginia Wing, Communication Officer of the

Maj. Carl P. Spirito, Delaware Wing, Counterdrug Of-

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I believe you joined Civil Air Patrol with the simple goals of bettering yourself and serving your country and your fellow citizens. I believe you stay in CAP because of the relationships

you have developed with your fellow unit members and the sense of accomplishment you feel when you contribute in a meaningful way to a successful program. You want to make a difference!

Chances are. the people in your

unit engender a strong sense of belonging and you feel welcome there. Your contributions are appreciated and you feel a sense of accomplishment and success. No doubt you have meaningful responsibilities and you know in some cases things won't get done unless you do them.

Same sense of fulfillment

Has it occurred to you that others in American society are looking for the same sense of fulfillment? Recognizing and meeting this desire to belong and contribute in a meaningful way will be a key strategy integrated into CAP's recruiting and retention efforts in the years ahead.

The first order of business is to focus on creating a welcoming culture within our units where new members get to know other members in the unit and learn about the many opportunities for meaningful service that CAP has to offer. Project Great Start will be a valuable tool for you as you welcome new members into your unit.

Great Start initiative

Under the Great Start initiative, new members will become acquainted with CAP much more quickly through a highly structured booklet, which combines a brief history of the organization with basic requirements for membership and the expectations and benefits associated with CAP membership. The booklet also contains answers to frequently asked questions such as "Is there a military service obligation?" and "Can I get a free pilot's license?"

The most important elements of the booklet will be a series of checklists which have been compiled to thoroughly familiarize and orient new members within their first year of membership. The checklists contain an orientation session, a meeting with a mentor and participation in at least one activity.

The concept of a CAP career or specialization tailored to the new member's interests and abilities will also be discussed.

New Recruiter's Tool Kit

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Another project already underway is the Recruiter's Tool Kit, which soon will be available on

> our recruiting home page at www.cap.gov/ recruit. The tool kit will contain a sample newsletter format and ideas for events that will help promote CAP within your community throughout the year. A sample flyer for distribution at events and

pointers for setting up first-class, low-cost exhibits will also be offered.

In addition, recruiting workshops will form an important part of our recruiting strategy in the upcoming year. Staff members in the Membership Development office at national headquarters are ironing out the details for some train-the-trainer sessions to be held at each of the region conferences.

The focus of these workshops will be to involve every member in our recruiting efforts. More than just setting up exhibits and creating flyers, these workshops will work hard to show you how to enlist the help of all the members in your units to participate in your recruiting plans.

In fact, the evidence consistently shows that our members are our best recruiters. Did you know that 67 percent of new CAP members were recruited by another CAP member? Those of you who were brought into CAP this way know the value of having a friend or close associate invite you to a meeting or an event.

Chances are you and your friends already have a lot of values and interests in common that are related to CAP activities and programs. Your friends - like you — probably have an interest in technical fields, such as communication, computers or aviation, or you may lean toward education and youth activities. I encourage each of you to invite them to participate in CAP.

As surely as night follows day, our retention strategy must intersect and support our recruiting efforts. The most important aspect of any of our retention plans must be the creation of meaningful duty assignments. Once a new member has decided to commit their precious time and talent to your unit, he or she must be given something productive to do. That productivity may take the form of successfully completing training or it may simply be helping to set up for an exercise or cadet event.

We must all make sure our new — and for that matter - longtime members are given significant responsibilities. When they find their time at CAP is well spent, they will inevitably draw in others who are looking for the same opportunity. I challenge the leadership at every level to make this a priority in the year ahead.



Recognizing and meeting a person's desire to belong and contribute in a meaningful way will be a key strategy integrated into CAP's recruiting and retention efforts in the vears ahead.

MyPyramid.gov

USDA introduces new interactive food pyramid on Web

ike everything else, good nutrition to keep us fit to serve needs a plan or a set of guidelines. Do you do that? There are several ways to do that, and

the food pyramid is one. Remember the old food pyramid - grains and breads at the base, followed by vegetables and fruits, then dairy foods, meats and nuts, and then finally fats and sweets at the top, with different colors for each rung of the pyramid ladder?

The old pyramid was used for years, but it needed updating. Well, now the U.S. Department of Agriculture has come out with a new pyramid. It appears quite

confusing, because there are now vertical colored bars or rays instead of the old and familiar horizontal ones. And there are no words or food



symbols. But the USDA folks say it's meant to help each of us customize our nutrition. That should be good news - if one can figure it out!

The new model is named MyPyramid and it is supposed to allow for "interactive food guidance" - if

> you have a computer, that is. Clicking on www.mypyramid.com will get you into a maze of new dietary information. Many have found it amazing - and confusing - but it appears to be developed from better nutritional information.

The new pyramid adds a key ingredient to good health, which the

old one did not, and that is exercise! (Notice the "person" climbing up the steps of the pyramid?) It also stresses

portion control. Most Americans don't get enough exercise and most also eat two to three times the healthy amounts of portions they should, especially fats and sweets. We're in a "supersize it" society and it shows in our obesity epidemic and consequent health problems.

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The new pyramid also emphasizes moderation, indicated by the "stripes" (rays) narrowing as they reach the top. The bars or rays represent different food groups to emphasize variety in our eating. Balance in eating and exercise are stressed. Remember, a calorie is a calorie, and maintenance depends on expending as many calories as one takes in. For

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f you happened to be looking for a Civil Air Patrol volunteer who is dedicated to the mission and core values of the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, you would be hard pressed to find a better example than the Texas Wing's Chap-

lain (Maj.) Nancy T. Smalley. The chaplain's credentials and training bear witness to her dedication to CAP's mission.

Chaplain
Smalley joined CAP
on Dec. 13, 1988.
Since completing
her basic membership requirements,
she has wrapped up

senior program levels I through IV — earning her Paul E. Garber Award in August 2001.

Along the way she has completed various training courses and remains qualified in numerous specialty areas, including air operations branch director, ground branch director, ground team leader, information officer, mission chaplain, mission observer, mission radio operator, mission scanner, mission staff assistant, mission safety officer, planning section chief, radiological monitoring and urban direction finding team member.

Chaplain Smalley is currently training to be a mission manager with an additional goal of becoming an incident commander.

The chaplain now serves as chaplain for the Texas Wing. As if her normal chaplain duties were not enough, she served

as an instructor and deputy director of the 2005 Southwest Region Chaplain Service Staff College, where she taught an excellent class on the "Chaplain's Role at Encampments." For the college's aerospace education requirement, she helped the chaplains, moral leadership officers, staff and guests build model rockets, all the while explaining the details of how and why they worked.

Since becoming the Texas Wing chaplain, Chaplain Smalley continues to remain active in the Waxahachie Talon Composite Squadron and with numerous other wing activities, some of which are noted below:

- ✓ January 2005 mission chaplain, real-world mission:
- ✓ March 2005 instructor and chaplain, Group 4 field-training exercise;



Chaplain (Maj.) Nancy T. Smalley

- ✓ May 2005 mission chaplain for the wing search and rescue evaluation (excellent rating);
- ✓ June 2005 commandant of cadets, Texas Flight Academy Encampment;
- ✓ June 2005 chaplain, Texas Wing Cadet Encampment; and
- ✓ July 2005 chaplain and emergency services officer, National Blue Beret.

In her civilian life, Chaplain Smalley finds time to serve as an interim minister for her denomination, and as team leader for the Dallas Diocese Critical Incident Stress Management Program. In 2000, she even earned her private pilot certificate.

I guess it shouldn't surprise you that all of her family members are also CAP members. Way to set the example, Chaplain Smalley!



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ficer of the Year;

- Capt. Nancy Z. Gleaton, South Carolina Wing, Finance Officer of the Year;
- → Capt. Charlene F. Shidisky, Virginia Wing, Logistics Officer of the Year;
- •• 1st Lt. Gary W. Gourley, West Virginia Wing, Moral Leadership Officer of the Year;
- ◆ Capt. Catherine Egan, Virginia Wing, Personnel Officer of the Year;
- ◆ Capt. Lynn A. Jensen, Virginia Wing, Safety Officer of the Year;
- → 1st Lt. John S. Carr, West Virginia Wing, Unit Public Affairs Officer of the Year; and
- ◆ Chaplain (Maj.) Robert C. Edwards III, Virginia Wing Senior Chaplain of the Year.

During the cadet speak-off, Cadet Lt. Col. Joanna Weiss, Maryland Wing, won in the impromptu category; Cadet John Sandy, Delaware Wing, won the basic; and Cadet Master Sgt. Glen Edwards, Maryland Wing, won in the advanced category with his presentation on "How Times Have

Changed."

In a regionwide Drug Demand Reduction poster contest, several posters were created embracing one of two themes, "Drug Free, I Have the Power" or "CAP Activities Keep Me Drug Free." First place (\$100) went to Capt. Mickey Jordan, South Carolina Wing; second place (\$50) to Sam Carrigan, Virginia Wing; and third (\$25) to Lt. Col. Amanda Anderson, region staff.

At the end of the conference, an evening banquet was held with the speak-off winners as the keynote speakers. During the banquet Virginia Wing's Fredericksburg Composite Squadron was named the region's Squadron of Distinction, and Cadet Capt. Francis Stephen Zabrowski III, Fredericksburg squadron, and Cadet Lovette were presented their Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award.

Another highlight was the handing out of numerous door prizes donated by a number of contributors, including the Virginia Department of Aviation, Delta Airport Consultants, Office Depot, Brookstone and Printex USA.

he topic this month is an issue vital to the interest of all who are in service to their nation with Civil Air Patrol - fraud, waste and abuse.

During the past two years, we have dealt with some serious cases of fraud in different locations around the country. CAP takes a tough stance on this and will seek criminal prosecution of those who take vital resources away from our members by fraud or criminal activity. In fact, in 2004, one member of CAP was sent to jail for embezzlement of wing funds.

First off, let's define these terms for everyone's

Fraud is any intentional deception (including attempts and conspiracies to effect such deception) for the purpose of: inducing CAP action, inaction or reliance on that deception; depriving CAP of something of value; or securing from CAP a benefit, privilege or consideration to which the party is not entitled. Such practices include, but are not limited to, offer of payment; acceptance of bribes or gratuities; making false statements; submission of false claims; use of false weights or measures; evasion or corruption of inspectors and other officials; deceit by suppression of the truth or misrepresentation of a material fact; adulteration or substitution of materials; falsification of records and books of account; arrangements for secret profits, kickbacks or commissions; and conspiracy to use any of these

Waste is the extravagant, careless or needless expenditure of CAP funds or consumption of CAP property that results from deficient practices, system controls or decisions.

Abuse is the intentional, wrongful or improper use of CAP resources, such as the misuse of rank, position or authority that causes the loss or misuse of resources such as tools, vehicles, aircraft, computers, copy machines, etc.

Fraud, waste and abuse are a drain on the time. efforts and resources of the CAP and on all of its members. Fraud, waste and abuse can occur through an unintentional act or can occur by deliberate action. Regardless of the intent, its abuse cannot and will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of each and every volunteer, employee or board member to protect our vital assets. This includes money, equipment and other items that come into your care in the course of your duties.

Due to the major incident of fraud and embezzlement in 2004, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Financial Management, Office of the Inspector General, Office of the General Counsel, the Board of Governors Audit Committee and others have spent countless hours investigating and mitigating damage done to CAP. In fact those named above also spent many hours reviewing and changing our policies and regulations to better detect and prevent fraud.

Those at the wing and region levels are well

aware of these changes, as we have converted them to accounting programs that are Internet-based. The goal here is to have better internal controls and monitoring of CAP funds at all levels in the organization. We also have made changes to the Wing

Compliance Inspection Program, the wing financial analyst duties and other areas to assist wings in financial accountability and to improve our ability to prevent and detect fraud. Soon, those at the squadron, group and flight level will also be automated with

computerized accounting programs for finance. Again, the goal is to assist unit members to better account for their funds and to prevent and detect

We also are currently changing the financial regulations for wings and regions and hope to have those changes approved at the August CAP National Board meeting in St. Louis, Mo. In the very near

future, we will be sending changes to the financial regulations for units below wing level to the CAP National Board for discussion and approval, and a broad ethics policy will be issued in the next few months. This policy will clearly spell out our

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Col. William S. Charles II

CAP Inspector General

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obligations as members of CAP with regard to our obligations to each other and the resources needed for our "missions for America."

However, as we have improved the process, we have detected at least one more major case of fraud/

embezzlement. Our volunteers give much to this organization in time, skill, effort, training and money. We cannot and will not tolerate those among us who take advantage, so they may profit at the expense of others.

The bottom line in these incidents of fraud/



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CAP INSPECTORS GENERAL

Civil Air Patrol wishes to resolve all complaints and grievances in a fair and impartial manner. If you believe you have a complaint, you should consult CAP Regulation 123-2 and make every effort to resolve the issue at the lowest appropriate level. Questions or problems may be brought to the attention of any of the following CAP inspectors general:

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Back To School Recruiting Campaign Rules Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2005

Goal: To encourage and motivate cadets to recruit other young people and teachers into the CAP program, and to encourage Aerospace Education members to recruit other educators. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three AEM recruiters, and cadets who recruit a teacher as an AEM member will have their name entered into a drawing for a special

1. Individual prizes are based on new members recruited; renewals do not count. Individuals rejoining after one year will count as new members:

2. Membership applications must be signed by the new member and processed between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30;

3. The individual listed as recruiter must be a member in good standing at the close of the campaign to qualify;
4. Only one member will be credited for recruiting a new mem-

ber. The member's name and CAPID must appear on the membership application:

5. Applications returned by NHQ for incorrect or inadequate information cannot be considered unless they are corrected and processed prior to the end of the campaign. Therefore recruiters should ensure all information is present and correct. NHQ cannot accept telephone calls as a way to add recruiters to forms already received;

6. Anyone receiving payment for recruiting members (either senior or cadet) from any organization including Middle School Initiative Programs, state-supported programs or employees of CAP are not eligible to participate in this campaign; 7. Applications paid for by an outside/sponsoring agency do

not count toward recruiting credit;

8. NHQ will maintain a record of all new members and their recruiters. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held at NHQ. Winners will be announced soon after the campaign's close; 9. AEM applications do not have a blank for the recruiter's name, so individual recruiters will have to ensure their name and CAPID is added to the top for the form. If the application is not properly annotated "Recruited by" along with the individual's name and CAPID, no credit will be given; and 10. Cadets who recruit teachers as AEMs will have their name entered into the special drawing; one entry will be made for each teacher recruited.

Prize List Cadets

1st Place: Laptop computer

2nd Place: XM Radio kit with one-year service

3rd Place: Sony PSP2 Plus game

4th Place: Portable DVD player with headphones

5th Place: MP 3 player with one-year membership to Napster 6th Place: Nintendo DS with game, carrying case

7th Place: \$75 Best Buy gift card 8th Place: \$50 Visa gift card

9th Place: \$25 Blockbuster gift card

10th Place: \$20 Visa gift card Aerospace Education Members

1st Place: Trip for two to NCASE in October 2006 (includes transportation, registration, banquet, three nights hotel) 2nd Place: Free registration and banquet for two at NCASE

3rd Place: Free registration and banquet for one at NCASE

Cadets Recruiting Teachers as AEMs

Any cadet recruiting a teacher as an AEM will have his name entered into a drawing for a digital camera. One entry will be made for each AEM member recruited. At the end of the campaign, a drawing will be held at NHQ to determine the winner.

CIVIL AIR PATROL RECRUITING & RETENTION

Campaign Winners for April-June 2005

CADET CATEGORY

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1st Cadet William Whiting	AZ 050	10	Trip to cadet special activity of choice and two-year free membership
2nd Cadet Paul Hodge	MI 075	6	Topo Magellan Sport Trak Color GPS and one-year free membership
3rd Cadet Kimberly Davis	AR 113	5	Digital camera and one-year free membership
4th Cadet Thomas Wright	TX 444	5	Uniform of choice or \$200 and one-year free membership
5th Cadet Lyndy Broomfield	VA 089	5	Gameboy with game, case and one-year free membership
6th Cadet Brandon Trask	WA 019	4	Abacus add-on MS Flight Simulator and one-year free membership
7th Cadet Nicholas Paterson	MI 075	4	Electra J3 Cub Model R/C plane and one-year free membership
8th Cadet Weston Horn	OK 151	4	\$25 CAPMart gift certificate and one-year free membership
9th Cadet Lydia Whitmore	WA 044	4	\$20 CAPMart gift certificate and one-year free membership
10th Cadet Daniel Martirosian	TX 215	3	One-vear free membership

SENIOR CATEGORY

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1st Capt. Frank Wolf	OR 114	. 12	VIP trip for two to National Conference and two-year free membership
2nd Capt. Ruben Marrero	PR 035	9	Color GPS and one-year free membership
3rd Maj. Troy Millican	TX 448	7	Digital camera and one-year free membership
4th 2nd Lt. Nelson Santiago	NJ 002	5	Uniform of choice (no mess dress) or \$200 and one-year free membership
5th 1st Lt. Robin Estes	FL 435	5	Handheld Palm Pilot or pocket PC and one-year free membership
6th 1st Lt. Jillian Smith	VA 025	5	\$75 CAPMart gift certificate and one-year free membership
7th 1st Lt. George McCord	FL 011	4	\$50 CAPMart gift certificate and one-year free membership
8th Maj. Kathy Barnes	GA 002	4	\$25 CAPMart gift certificate and one-year free membership
9th Maj. Regena Aye	NCR 001	4	\$20 CAPMart gift certificate and one-year free membership
10th Capt. Zoraida Medal	PR 129	4	One-year free membership

SQUADRON CATEGORY

Great Lakes Region	OH 289	Toledo Composite Squadron	50 percent
Middle East Region	VA 052	Grundy Composite Squadron	62.5 percent
Northcentral Region	KS 077	Emporia Composite Squadron	54.55 percent
Northeast Region	NH 016	Col. Andrew Amitrano Composite Squadron	79.16 percent
Pacific Region	OR 114	Northwest Coastal Composite Squadron	77.27 percent
Rocky Mountain Region	ID 109	Idaho District 2 Composite Squadron	27.78 percent
Southeast Region	PR 905	Group IX Puerto Rico Wing	200 percent
Southwest Region	TX 131	131st SAR Flight	36.36 percent

Campaign Wrap-Up for April-June 2005

From April to June, a national recruiting campaign was held to create an awareness of the importance of recruiting for membership growth.

The number of people joining during this time period who credited a current CAP member for their joining the organization were 813 cadets and 867 senior members — a total of 1,680.

The number of current CAP members who were credited with bringing in a new member during the campaign were 685 cadets and 597 senior members - a total of 1,282

The total new members were 2,155 cadets and 1,758 senior members - a total of 3,913. More than half did not indicate on their application a current member was responsible for their joining CAP.

From April to June, CAP membership declined, with cadets dropping 4 percent from 23,989 to 22,972 and seniors dropping 1.5 percent from 34,152 to 33,641. This means that membership stabilization and growth are critical issues at this time and more tools are being produced for the

field to aid in the recruitment process. In addition, a new page is being added to the CAP Web site to provide helpful information to recruiters in the field. By Sept. 1, www.cap.gov/recruit will be up and running, and it will be updated to on a continual basis to provide fresh information to recruiters.

Also on Sept. 1, the "Back To School Campaign" will kick off. For this campaign, cadets are encouraged to recruit not only other cadets, but also to recruit their teachers as a CAP Aerospace Education Member. The prizes will reflect the advanced technology enjoyed by cadets now, such as a laptop computer, MP3 player, PSP2 (Playstation 2), XM Satellite radio and others that will motivate cadets to recruit their friends and classmates!

The rules for the upcoming campaign, which will run from Sept. 1-Nov. 30, are printed at left.

Start recruiting early and often, and if you need help or have questions, please e-mail membershipdevelopment@cap.gov.

Good luck!

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weight loss, of course, one must expend more than one takes in.

Now let's get down to how we use this new interactive pyramid. In order to really understand and appreciate the concept, you have to log onto the mypyramid Web site. Once you do that, you can find out what each color stands for and can personalize your daily nutrition, depending one one's activity level, age and gender.

However, one thing I find difficult is that the new pyramid's heavy dependence on the Internet may well exclude a lot of people. And the old onesize-for-all pyramid now has a dozen food patterns ranging from 1,000 to 3,200 calories.

A good thing is that you can print out work sheets and track your progress. But the new system does not ask for height and weight, only age and gender. When it is copied in black and white, it loses a lot. One cute help is to click on the "emoticons" (yellow smiley faces, blue straight-mouthed faces, red sour-mouthed faces) for more information on one's dietary intake. My trial run on the Web site indicated I needed more veggies (I'll buy that) and more milk (I doubt that). If you want to know about oils and discretionary calories (solid fats, sugars, alcohol) - well, they're under revision.

Overall, MyPyramid is beneficial, to a degree, if one has the inclination and time to use the Internet, and it is available. However, it could have been made simpler, I believe.

My bottom line on nutrition is the old adage "moderation in all things," which means be careful of oversized portions; eat a variety in food groups and emphasize whole grains, fruits and veggies. That means staying away from fast food and processed foods! Plus, get plenty of moderate exercise (an hour a day is now considered basic).

Try out the MyPyramid Web site and see what you find. It may be "just the ticket" for you!

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embezzlement that have been committed against CAP was that commanders and others failed to follow the regulations and failed to use common sense in their responsibilities for monitoring the finances in their care.

One of the best ways to reduce fraud, waste and abuse at all levels is to simply adhere to the requirements in our regulations. All units should have active finance committees. These committees should keep detailed minutes, review all expenditures and carefully monitor compensated employees. The responsibility of commanders and finance committees can not be delegated and need constant attention to detail. If any questions, arise feel free to contact the financial management experts at national headquarters.

The issue of fraud, waste and abuse is not limited to just finances. As stated earlier, it includes all of our assets as well. It is expected that any volunteer, employee or board member who suspects there may be an incident of fraud, waste and abuse will do the ethical thing and report it up the chain of command. Remember, regardless of intent, fraud, waste and abuse cannot be tolerated. If you believe you know of a potential situation within CAP, you should contact your group or wing inspector general or you may use the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline (e-mail or telephone). The hotline allows you to leave confidential, password-protected information at CAP National Headquarters about a potential situation.

When using the hotline, please leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, and a short description of the potential situation that you are concerned about. You will be contacted within three working days.

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CAP, CESSNA PARTNER UP

21 cadets from 14 wings take part in first-ever Aircraft Manufacturing Academy at Cessna plant

ake 21 Civil Air Patrol cadets between the ages of 15 and 20 and cut them loose at the Cessna Aircraft Plant in Independence, Kan., and you will get a group of kids who had a great time getting their hands dirty while learning all about aircraft manufacturing.

This year, as part of the more than 30 national cadet activities offered by CAP, the first-ever Aircraft Manufacturing Academy was held in cooperation with Cessna Aircraft Co.

"We have had flying academies for a long time and we have technology academies that deal with aerospace engineering and the principles of flight, but we didn't have something in the middle for cadets who weren't into engineering or flying. Now we do!" said Don Karle, chief of National Cadet Special Activities at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

The cadets arrived in Independence, Kan., on July 16 and were taken to the Independence Community College campus, where they were housed. Shortly after their arrival, they received a comprehensive briefing on academy events and safety issues, and then were treated to a

dinner and an ice cream social.

After two more days of briefings and plant tours, the cadets got down to the nitty-gritty on July 19 when they went to the plant, were divided into groups and then taken through the different work stations.

During the following three days, the cadets took turns actually working on airplanes. Projects included riveting sheet metal, hanging wings, upholstering seats, assembling fuel cells and painting planes.



Cadets help move a section of a wing during Civil Air Patrol's first-ever Aircraft Manufacturing Academy at the Cessna Aircraft Plant in Independence,

An academy highlight was when each cadet flew with a Cessna test pilot to deliver a new airplane, according to academy activity director Maj. Phil Holbrook of the Kentucky Wing. "In fact, one cadet was gone for six hours after being grounded because of bad weather."

The cadets who attended the academy represented 14 CAP wings from across the nation, including

According to Mr. Karle, cadets apply for the activities in November or December and based on ratings given

by senior members in their wing or squadron, they are chosen by officials at national headquarters via a special computer software program. It's a highly competitive process, according to Mr. Karle, with 3,000 cadets compet-

ing for 1,000 slots each summer.

Before the academy was over, cadets also received training on a new Garmin simulator and learned how to operate the aviation global positioning system that Garmin manufactures.

Two cadets, 1st Lt. Dana Keller of Oklahoma and 2nd Lt. Wesley Jahraus of Hawaii, were interviewed on a local radio program along with Kentucky Wing's Col. Loretta Holbrook. Local newspapers and the Independence college newspaper also published articles on the academy.

Maj. Holbrook was very pleased with the whole experience. "The academy was far beyond anything we hoped for. Everything meshed completely, he said. "The people at Cessna were super hosts and the college staff went out of their way to accommodate the cadets' busy schedule."

The only thing Maj. Holbrook said he would change was the week the event was held. He would have preferred the second or third week of June to avoid the 100-plus temperatures the cadets had to contend with.

"Other than the heat, I don't see how it could have been any better," he

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Graduates of the 2005 Civil Air Patrol Aircraft Maintenance Academy pose for a picture in front of the Cessna Aircraft Plant.



2005 CIVIL AIR PATROL NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION



Then Acting CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda thanks former Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Dominguez for speaking at the 2005 NCC Awards Banquet.



Southeast Region Drill Team member Armando Del Valle of Puerto Rico is about to set the NCC record for the fastest one-mile run at 4:46 min-

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Cadets from Civil Air Patrol's Northeast and Southeast regions took top honors at the 57th annual National Cadet Competition, July 6-11, in Washington, D.C.

The winning drill team represented the state of New York, while the top color guard team was comprised of cadets from Florida.

The winning teams received the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Trophy from former acting Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Michael Dominguez, himself a former CAP cadet. Mr. Dominguez also served as the keynote speaker for the NCC closing banquet on

The four-day competition drew some of the most outstanding of the more than 24,000 cadets who participate nationwide in CAP programs. They were judged on military-style ceremonial drills, inspection, academics, physical fitness, teamwork and leadership skills.

Events for this year's competition took place at various locations near Washington, D.C., including the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. There, cadets performed ceremonial and innovative drills beneath colorful displays of historical aircraft.

Competition was fierce, since the eight competing teams had advanced to the national competition after winning at the preliminary local, state (wing) and regional levels.

Two types of teams compete at the national level each year for two equally prestigious awards. Eight teams of 16 members each compete as drill teams, and eight teams of eight members each compete as color guard teams. Taking second place this year in the drill team division was the Southeast Region, represented by a team from Puerto Rico. Third place was a tie between the Middle East Region, represented by a team from Delaware, and the Great Lakes Region, represented by a team

The second-place color guard honors went to the North Central Region, represented by a team from Nebraska, followed by a third-place tie between the Middle East Region's Delaware team and the Northeast Region's Pennsylvania team.

Other teams making it to the national drill team competition included cadets from Utah, Washington, South Dakota and Texas. Finalists in the color guard competition represented Colorado, Texas, California and Illinois.

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Great Lakes Drill Team members from the Illinois Wing give it their all during the standard drill event.



entral Region Color Guard member Laura Deever of Nebraska ceremoniously holds the an flag during a retiring-of-the-colors event.

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COLOR GUARD COMPETITION, FIRST PLACE — NORTHEAST REGION Members of the Northeast Region Color Guard pose for a photo with former Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Dominguez, far left, and then Acting CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio



DRILL TEAM, FIRST PLACE - SOUTHEAST REGION Members of the Southeast Region Drill Team pose for a photo with former Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Dominguez and then Acting CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda.





Left, Northeast Region and Southeast Region cadets square off on the volleyball court. Above, Middle East Region Color Guard members, from left, Lauren Ewing, Katie Ewing and Ryan McGaha retire the colors.



North Central Region Drill Team members from South Dakota stand at attention prior to the in-ranks inspection event.

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THEN ACTING CAP NATIONAL COMMANDER BRIG. GEN. ANTONIO J. PINEDA RECEVITS CESSNA CEO JACK PELTON, CENTER, AS CAP'S NEWEST MEMBER, AS FLIGHTSAFETY CEO BRUCE WHITMAN LOOKS ON.



BLUE BERET CAPETS POSE FOR A PHOTO WITH NORTHEAST REGION COMMANDER COL. RICHARD A. GREENHUT, THIRD FROM LEFT, AND THEN ACTING CAP NATIONAL COMMANDER BRIG. GEN. ANTONIO J. PINEDA, CENTER, SEFORE GOING ON AN ORIENTATION FLIGHT

OSHKOSH, Wis. - One-hundred-sixteen Civil Air Patrol cadets from across the nation and overseas participated in CAP's Blue Beret during the Experimental Aircraft Association's 2005 AirVenture at Whitman Field in Oshkosh, Wis., July 19 - Aug. 1.

The cadets attended airfield familiarization briefings, emergency services training and aircraft identification procedures prior to the fly-in. During the fly-in, cadets tracked down activated emergency locator transmitter beacons, marshaled several thousand aircraft, helped the Federal Aviation Administration close out flight plans for arriving pilots and directed the crowds around the hundreds of aircraft static displays.

The cadets were housed and fed at CAP's Oshkosh training facility, which was recently renovated thanks to a generous grant from the Cessna Aircraft Co. Upgrades included the addition of air conditioning, outdoor lighting and many fresh coats of paint, according to Don Karle, chief of CAP's National Cadet Special Activities at CAP National Headquarters.







Current news from CAP's parent organization

AIRFORCE

BRIEFLY

President names Geren SecAF

TEXAS (AFPN) — The president designated Pete Geren to be the acting Secretary of the Air Force on July 29, replacing Michael L. Dominguez.

The appointment is in accordance with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act. Air Force officials said.

Mr. Geren, who was special assistant to the secretary of defense, assumes his new office as directed in Title 10, U.S. Code and Air Force directives, Air Force officials said. He took the Department of Defense post in September 2001 with responsibilities in the areas of interagency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects.

A former Texas congressman from 1989 to 1997, Mr. Geren served on the Armed Services, Science and Technology and Public Works and Transportation committees during his tenure.

Mr. Geren earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas in 1974, and his jurist prudence from the university's law school in 1978.

Military fights war on drugs in Ecuador

ECUADOR - America has 1.4 billion reasons to have a base in this Andean country.

That is the amount of drugs - in dollars - that did not find their way onto American streets, in part because of counterdrug operations from here.

"The war against drugs is important for everyone, not just the United States of America," said Col. Pat Richardson, the U.S. Military Working Group commander based out of Quito, Ecuador, about a 30minute flight north of here.

"It is a menace to the region, and our positive relationship has shown the good that can come from such a positive relationship," the colonel said.

When Howard Air Base, Panama, closed in 1999, the Department of State lost a large portion of its ability to perform counterdrug operations. After the United States and Ecuador completed negotiations in 1998, the Air Force built Manta Air Base in 1999. It is located in the center of an Ecuadorian air force base known as Eloy Alfaro.

On a typical day, a customs plane lumbers off into the humid air in the early morning, along with a Navy P-3 Orion. It is followed by a Coast Guard C-130 Hercules, an E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control systems aircraft and a KC-135 Stratotanker for air refueling support.

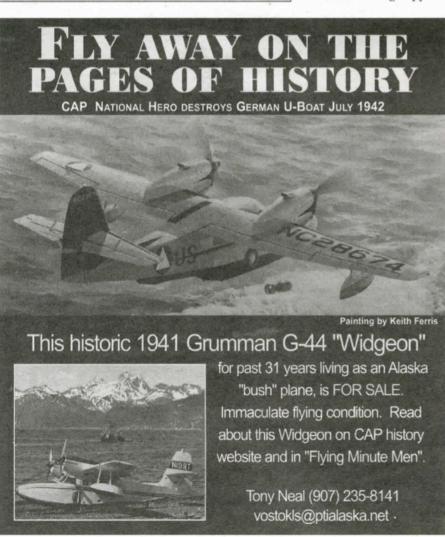
"We interdict to make it more difficult for drugs to be available in the streets," said Maj. Chris Armour, an AWACS mission crew commander from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. "We look for air tracks, which are aircraft that carry drugs, and water tracks, which are like fast-moving cigar boats."

After spotting what they think may be a drug smuggler, an AWACS crew will contact the U.S. Coast Guard or customs, who will fly in to confirm their

There are about 230 people stationed at this base on the western coast of South America. Of those, 13 are Airmen on a one-year assignment and the rest rotate through during air and space expeditionary force deployments. Contractors provide a bulk of the support - food services, fire department and aircraft maintenance.

Airman 1st Class Alvin Marlar, an airborne radar technician who repairs the AWACS' bulbous radar, said he normally flies once a month in Oklahoma. During this 60-day deployment -- his first -the Mississippi native flies at least once every two

"It's good training and it's for a good cause," Airman 1st Class Marlar said. "I am actually going to dread the day I have to leave."





AIR **FORCE** 'STRIKE' PACKAGE

F-15E Strike Eagles and a B-2 Spirit bomber fly in formation over Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. The Strike Eagles are with the 391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from Mountain Home Air Force Base. Idaho. The bomber is from the 325th Expeditionary **Bomb Squadron** from Whiteman AFB. Mo.

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MAUREEN C. GATES	NJ	BRANDON M. WEGNER	WI
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MAJ. ROBERT O. BOWEN	WI	17 JUN 05 - 28 JUN 05	NATIONALE	LIGHT ACADEMY
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COL. BEN W. DAVIS	TX	28 JUL 67 - 31 JUL 05	38 YRS	26 JUL 05
LT. COL. RICHARD L. JACOBSEN	ID	28 JUN 85 - 30 JUN 05	20 YRS	30 JUN 05
LT. COL. JAMES NEWELL MARTIN	CA	28 JUN 82 - 30 JUN 06	24 YRS	26 JUL 05
LT. COL. VIRGIL E. PADGETT	TX	28 MAY 85-31 MAY 05	20 YRS	15 JUN 05
LT. COL. LYNNE A. PUGLISE	FL	28 DEC 75 - 31 DEC 05	30 YRS	26 JUL 05
LT.COL. JAMES D. PUGLISE	FL	28 DEC 75 - 31 DEC 05	30 YRS	26 JUL 05
LT. COL. PAUL S. ROWE	IL .	28 SEP 85 - 30 SEP 05	20 YRS	26 JUL 05
MAJ. GERALD J. BEHRENDT	WI	28 JUL 73 - 31 AUG 05	32 YRS	26 JUL 05
MAJ. BERNARD J. HALSTAD	MN	28 JAN 84- 31 JAN 04	20 YRS	26 JUL 05
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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR JOHN D. MOORE

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN D. MOORE, CAP, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS, HEROIC ACTION BY RISKING HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE ANOTHER ON 7 APRIL 2004. AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF, LIEUTENANT MOORE RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF AN APARTMENT FIRE, ARRIVING FIRST AT THE SCENE HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE OCCU-PANCY OF THE AFFECTED APARTMENT; HOWEVER, AS HE APPROACHED HE COULD SEE THE SMOKE AND FLAMES BILLOWING FROM THE APART-MENT. WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, LIEUTENANT MOORE ENTERED THE APARTMENT TO FIND A VICTIM LYING ON THE FLOOR COMPLETELY OVERCOME BY SMOKE. HE QUICKLY DRAGGED THIS VICTIM DOWN THE STAIRS AND AWAY FROM THE FIRE AREA SO THAT MEDICAL TREATMENT COULD BE ADMINISTERED UPON ARRIVAL. LIEUTENANT MOORE'S QUICK THINKING, HEROIC ACTION AND WILLINGNESS TO RISK HIS OWN LIFETO SAVE OTHERS, REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE SOUTHEAST REGION AND CIVIL AIR PATROL.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR PHILIP G. MALONE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHILIP G. MALONE, CAP, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS, HEROIC ACTION BY RISKING HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE ANOTHER ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2004. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A SEARCHFOR A DISTRESS SIGNAL, COLONEL MALONE WAS DEBRIEFING WITH THE OTHER AIR AND GROUND TEAM MEMBERS AT THE MIDDLE GEORGIA COMPOSITE SQUADRON BUILDING. COLONEL MALONE AND ANOTHER CAP MEMBER WERE HEADING BACK TOWARD THE FLIGHT LINE WHEN THEY NOTICED THAT A LEARJET TAXIING TO THE RAMP WAS ON FIRE AND HE YELLED FOR HELP. THE PLANE HAD BLOWN ITS LEFT MAIN TIRES ON LANDING, PARTS OF WHICH IGNITED AGAINST THE GLOWING HOT BRAKE DISKS AS THEY TAXIED. THE CREW AND PASSENGERS WERE UNAWARE OF THE FIRE. COLONEL MALONE AND THE OTHER MEMBER QUICKLY OPENED THE FLIGHT LINE GATE, AS OTHERS RAN TO THE TRAILER TO RETRIEVE TWO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, AND NEXT DOOR TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP. COLONEL MALONE AND THE OTHERS
SPRINTED TOWARD THE PLANE ABOUT 100 YARDS AWAY, AT THIS POINT THE FLAMES FROM THE LEFT GEAR ERUPTED AS THE BRAKE LINE BURNED THROUGH, SPRAYING HYDRAULIC FLUID INTO THE FIRE, THE FLAMES ENGULFED THE GEAR AND SPREAD SEVERAL FEET IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG THE WING AND FUSELAGE. REACHING THE BELLY FUEL TANK VENTS, AS THE ENGINES WERE BEING SHUT DOWN. COLONEL MALONE AND THE OTHERS SQUATTED UNDER THE WING BY THE GEAR AND TEMPORARILY PUT OUT THE FLAMES. THE UPPER DOOR WAS LIFTED AND TWO PASSENGERS LEAPT OUT OVER THE STILL-CLOSED LOWER DOOR TO ESCAPE THE AIRCRAFT. TWO OF THE INDIVIDUALS OPENED THE LOWER DOOR AND HELPED THE THIRD PASSENGER AND TWO CREW MEMBERS ESCAPE. THE BLAZE REIGNITED AND WAS DOUSED AGAIN. THE OCCUPANTS WERE MOVED TO A SAFE AREA AND THE MEMBERS CONTIN-UED TO WATCH THE AIRCRAFT TO ENSURE THE FLAMES DID NOT REIGNITE UNTIL THE MACON AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED ABOUT FOUR MINUTES AFTER THE CREW AND AIRCRAFT WERE SECURE. LIEU-TENANT COLONEL MALONE'S QUICK THINKING, HEROIC ACTION AND WILLINGNESS TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE OTHERS, REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF. THE GEORGIA WING AND CIVIL AIR PATROL

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR RANDALL G. WISENER

FIRST LIEUTENANT RANDALL G. WISENER, CAP, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS, HEROIC ACTION BY RISKING HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE ANOTHER ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2004. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A SEARCH FOR A DISTRESS SIGNAL, LIEUTENANT WISENER, WAS DE-BRIEFING WITH THE OTHER AIR AND GROUND TEAM MEMBERS AT THE MIDDLE GEORGIA COMPOSITE SQUADRON BUILDING, AS THE TEAM WAS HEADING BACK TOWARD THE FLIGHT LINE, THEY NOTICED THAT A LEARJET TAXIING TO THE RAMP WAS ON FIRE. THE PLANE HAD BLOWN ITS LEFT MAINTIRES ON LANDING, PARTS OF WHICH IGNITED AGAINST THE GLOW-ING HOT BRAKE DISKS AS THEY TAXIED. THE CREW AND PASSENGERS WERE UNAWARE OF THE FIRE. TWO OTHER MEMBERS QUICKLY OPENED THE FLIGHT LINE GATE, AS ONE MEMBER RAN TO THE TRAILER TO RETRIEVE TWO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, AND LIEUTENANT WISENER RAN NEXT DOOR TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP. LIEUTENANT WISENER AND THE OTHERS SPRINTED TOWARD THE PLANE ABOUT 100 YARDS AWAY. AT THIS POINT THE FLAMES FROM THE LEFT GEAR ERUPTED AS THE BRAKE LINE BURNED THROUGH, SPRAYING HYDRAULIC FLUID INTO THE FIRE. THE FLAMES ENGULFED THE GEAR AND SPREAD SEVERAL FEET IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG THE WING AND FUSELAGE, REACHING THE BELLY FUEL TANK VENTS, AS THE ENGINES WERE BEING SHUT DOWN. LIEUTENANT WISENER AND THE OTHERS SQUATTED UNDER THE WING BY THE GEAR AND TEMPORARILY PUT OUT THE FLAMES. WHEN ANOTHER MEMBER RAN TO OPEN THE UPPER DOOR TWO PASSENGERS LEAPT OUT OVER THE STILL-CLOSED LOWER DOOR TO ESCAPE THE AIRCRAFT. LIEUTENANT WISENER AND ANOTHER MEMBER OPENED THE

LOWER DOOR AND HELPED THE THIRD PASSENGER AND TWO CREW MEMBERS ESCAPE. THE BLAZE REIGNITED AND WAS DOUSED AGAIN. THE OCCUPANTS WERE MOVED TO A SAFE AREA AND THE MEMBERS CONTINUED TO WATCH THE AIRCRAFT TO ENSURE THE FLAMES DID NOT REIGNITE UNTIL THE MACON AIRPORT FIRE DE-PARTMENT ARRIVED ABOUT FOUR MINUTES AFTER THE CREW AND AIRCRAFT WERE SECURE. LIEUTENANT WISENER'S QUICK THINK-ING, HEROIC ACTION AND WILLINGNESS TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE OTHERS, REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE GEOR-GIA WING AND CIVIL AIR PATROL

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR RICHARD J. GREENWOOD

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD J. GREENWOOD, CAP. DISTIN-GUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS, HEROIC ACTION BY RISKING HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE ANOTHER ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2004. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A SEARCH FOR A DISTRESS SIGNAL, COLONEL GREENWOOD WAS DEBRIEFING WITH THE OTHER AIR AND GROUND TEAM MEMBERS AT THE MIDDLE GEORGIA COMPOSITE SQUADRON BUILDING, COLONEL GREENWOOD AND ANOTHER CAP MEMBER WERE HEADING BACK TOWARD THE FLIGHT LINE, WHEN THEY NOTICED THAT A LEARJET TAXIING TO THE RAMP WAS ON FIRE, AND HE YELLED FOR HELP. THE PLANE HAD BLOWN ITS LEFT MAIN TIRES ON LANDING, PARTS OF WHICH IGNITED AGAINST THE GLOWING HOT BRAKE DISKS AS THEY TAXIED. THE CREW AND PASSENGERS WERE UNAWARE OF THE FIRE. COLONEL GREEN-WOOD AND THE OTHER MEMBER QUICKLY OPENED THE FLIGHT LINE GATE, AS OTHERS RAN TO THE TRAILER TO RETRIEVE TWO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, AND NEXT DOOR TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP. COLONEL GREENWOOD AND THE OTHERS SPRINTED TO-WARD THE PLANE ABOUT 100 YARDS AWAY. AT THIS POINT THE FLAMES FROM THE LEFT GEAR ERUPTED AS THE BRAKE LINE BURNED THROUGH, SPRAYING HYDRAULIC FLUID INTO THE FIRE. THE FLAMES ENGULFED THE GEAR AND SPREAD SEVERAL FEET IN EACH DIREC-TION ALONG THE WING AND FUSELAGE, REACHING THE BELLY FUEL TANK VENTS, AS THE ENGINES WERE BEING SHUT DOWN, COLONEL GREENWOOD AND THE OTHERS SQUATTED UNDER THE WING BY THE GEAR AND TEMPORARILY PUTTING OUT THE FLAMES. WHEN COLONEL GREENWOOD RAN TO OPEN THE UPPER DOOR TWO PASSENGERS LEAPT OUT OVER THE STILL CLOSED LOWER DOOR TO ESCAPE THE AIRCRAFT. ANOTHER MEMBER AND COLONEL GREENWOOD OPENED THE LOWER DOOR AND HELPED THE THIRD PASSENGER AND TWO AIRCREW MEMBERS ESCAPE. THE BLAZE REIGNITED AND WAS DOUSED AGAIN. THE OCCUPANTS WERE MOVED TO A SAFE AREA AND THE MEMBERS CONTINUED TO WATCH THE AIRCRAFT TO ENSURE THE FLAMES DID NOT REIGNITE UNTIL THE MACON AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED ABOUT FOUR MIN-UTES AFTER THE CREW AND AIRCRAFT WERE SECURE. LIEUTENANT COLONEL GREENWOOD'S QUICK THINKING, HEROIC ACTION AND WILLINGNESS TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE OTHERS, REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE SOUTHEAST REGION AND CIVIL AIR PATROL

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR TODD A. ENGELMAN

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL TODD A. ENGELMAN, CAP, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS, HEROIC ACTION BY RISKING HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE ANOTHER ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2004. AFTER SUCCESS-FULLY COMPLETING A SEARCH FOR A DISTRESS SIGNAL, COLONEL ENGELMAN WAS DEBRIEFING WITH THE OTHER AIR AND GROUND TEAM MEMBERS AT THE MIDDLE GEORGIA COMPOSITE SQUADRON BUILDING. COLONEL ENGELMAN AND ANOTHER CAP MEMBER HEARD THE CRY FOR HELP WITH AN AIRCRAFT FIRE AND QUICKLY BE-SPONDED. COLONEL ENGELMAN RANTO THE TRAILER TO RETRIEVE TWO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WHILE ANOTHER MEMBER BAN NEXT DOOR TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP. THE PLANE HAD BLOWN ITS LEFT MAIN TIRES ON LANDING, PARTS OF WHICH IGNITED AGAINST THE GLOWING HOT BRAKE DISKS AS THEY TAXIED, THE CREW AND PASSENGERS WERE UNAWARE OF THE FIRE. COLONEL GREEN-WOOD AND THE OTHER MEMBER QUICKLY OPENED THE FLIGHT LINE GATE, AS OTHERS RAN TO THE TRAILER TO RETRIEVE TWO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, AND NEXT DOOR TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP. COLONEL ENGELMAN AND THE OTHERS SPRINTED TOWARD THE PLANE ABOUT 100 YARDS AWAY, AT THIS POINT THE FLAMES FROM THE LEFT GEAR ERUPTED AS THE BRAKE LINE BURNED THROUGH, SPRAYING HYDRAULIC FLUID INTO THE FIRE. THE FLAMES ENGULFED THE GEAR AND SPREAD SEVERAL FEET IN EACH DIREC-TION ALONG THE WING AND FUSELAGE, REACHING THE BELLY FUEL TANK VENTS, AS THE ENGINES WERE BEING SHUT DOWN, COLONEL ENGELMAN AND THE OTHERS SQUATTED UNDER THE WING BY THE GEAR AND TEMPORARILY PUT OUT THE FLAMES. WHILE OTHER MEMBERS RAN TO OPEN THE DOOR AND QUICKLY ASSIST THE PASSENGERS OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT, COLONEL ENGELMAN AND ANOTHER MEMBER CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE AIRCRAFT. THE BLAZE REIGNITED AND WAS DOUSED AGAIN. THE OCCUPANTS WERE MOVED TO A SAFE AREA AND THE MEMBERS CONTINUED TO WATCH THE AIRCRAFT TO ENSURE THE FLAMES DID NOT REIGNITE UNTIL THE MACON AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED ABOUT FOUR MINUTES AFTER THE CREW AND AIRCRAFT WERE SECURE. LIEU-TENANT COLONEL ENGELMAN'S QUICK THINKING, HEROIC ACTION AND WILLINGNESS TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE OTHERS, RE-FLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF. THE GEORGIA WING AND

NORTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER COL. RICHARD A. GREENHUT

CONNECTICUT * MAINE MASSACHUSETTS * NEW Hampshire * New Jersey New York * PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND * VERMONT

CONNECTICUT -

Three Charles K. Hamilton Composite Squadron cadets received their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards and were promoted to the grade of second lieutenant.

Cadets Malachi Ege, Micah Ege and Adam Trujillo were presented their awards by Connecticut State Rep. Elizabeth Boukus. Rep. Boukus presented a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly to each of the cadets for their dedicated service to America.

Maj. Andrew Marteka, Connecticut Wing director of cadet programs, and Naval Academy Midshipman Brett Roblee also spoke to the

Family members and friends participated in the ceremony. The brothers' sister, Angel, played the national anthem, and their father, the Rev. Steven Ege, gave the invocation. The master of ceremonies was Cadet Capt. Joseph Trujillo, Trujillo's brother, and the cadets' parents "pinned" the new promotees.

The colors were posted by the squadron's color guard, which included Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Josiah Roberts and Staff Sgts. Michael Laposky, Joseph Kosswig and Timothy Sawyer.

Cadet 1st Lt. Everett Hill

MASSACHUSETTS -

Massachusetts Wing members participated in a search for an emergency positionindicating radio beacon.

After being notified of a transmission on the national emergency frequency, Lt. Col. Jeff Tensfeldt, wing incident commander, alerted wing

members.

Aircrews and ground support staff were both paged for the mission. Within 40 minutes of the page, a wing airplane piloted by Maj. Dick Shafner and Capt. Mike Rieker was in the air and headed for the search area.

Twenty minutes later the air crew located the source of the signal about one mile from a major highway at an incinerator. With police assistance, the ground team was able to get to the site where they searched for the EPIRB in piles of debris.

Once the team identified which pile the EPIRB was in, a front loader was used to dig through the pile. After three or four giant scoops, the EPIRB was uncovered and deactivated.

Wing personnel traced the owner of the EPIRB to a company in Gloucester, Mass. Maj. Dick Shafner

NEW YORK - The Col. Francis S. Gabreski Squadron Color Guard won the New York Wing color guard competition.

The team earned the right to compete against seven teams during the Northeast Regional Competition held in Rhode Island.

The Gabreski team placed first in the in-ranks inspection, and second in standard drill and recorded the fastestever times in the one-mile

Cadet Tech. Sgt. Linda Kelsey barely missed the Female Fleet-foot Award, an honor she won at the New York Wing competition, by only five seconds with a time of eight minutes, three seconds.

The award for the outstanding team commander was presented to Gabreski's commander, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Michael West.

"The judging was extremely close and a couple of mistakes cost us. However, the experience we gained was invaluable," said Maj. Fenech, Gabreski squadron commander, who congratulated the Pennsylvania Wing on



Members of a Massachusetts Wing urban direction-finder team search for an electronic locator transmitter in one of many piles of debris at an incinerator

their "well-deserved victory."

Color guard members were Cadets Chief Master Sgt. Michael West, commander; Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Wrobel; Tech. Sgt. Linda Kelsey; and Senior Airmen Colin Martin and Stephen

The team trainers were 1st Lt. Nathan Hillard and 2nd Lt. Ed Rymas. The color guard was accompanied to Rhode Island by their commander, Maj. Fenech, and Sr. Mbr. Kathleen Martin.

2nd Lt. James A. Ridley Sr.

PENNSYLVANIA -

Forty-eight Pennsylvania Wing cadets attended the wing's cadet leadership encampment.

Keystone County Cadet Squadron Commander Maj. Richard Gay directed the week-long encampment included many hours of curriculum, including instructional classes, physical fitness training and competitive

The combination of mental and physical challenges helped the cadets gain self-confidence. In addition to the regular curriculum, an adventure challenge was held which covered safety regulations and pushed the participants to the limits of their own safety zones through preplanned scenarios.

These cadets are challenged to think beyond themselves and their actions

and to take responsibility for those who may be entrusted to them. More importantly, they begin to understand the need to lead by example and to inspire others to follow them,' said Col. M. Allen Applebaum, Pennsylvania Wing commander.

Family members and distinguished guests attended a graduation and awards ceremony held at the end of the encampment.

1st Lt. Linda A Irwin

RHODE ISLAND - The Northeast Region Cadet Competition was held at the Newport Naval Training Station in Newport, R.I.

Drill teams came from New York and New Hampshire, and color guard teams came from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island. Vermont and Massachusetts.

Placing first in the drill team competition were the New York "Demons" under the command of Cadet Maj. Erik R. Johnson.

Other team members were Cadets Chief Master Sgt. Yvonne Greco, who took the Female Fleetfoot Award by running the one-mile in 6:06; Chief Master Sgt. Caleb Irwin, who scored the highest on the written examination; 2nd Lt. Alexander Rossbach; 2nd Lts. Matthew Sanford, Marissa Weselak and Brian Woodlock; Capt. Kathryn Wieczorek; and Chief Master

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"Dad set my standards high, and FlightSafety Academy met them."



Bob Moore, in the Learjet bay of FlightSafety's Atlanta Learning Center.

S THE DAUGHTER OF A DELTA CAPTAIN, Erica Moore grew up with a love for flying, but she was unsure about making it a career.

"Every pilot I knew had military training," explains Erica. "Dad told me, if I want to fly, I should join the Navy."

On her own initiative, Erica looked for other alternatives, researching aviation training schools in Florida. After visits to several campuses, there was one she found worthy of her father's scrutiny: FlightSafety Academy.

"Everything about the Academy impressed me," says Captain Moore. "Their maintenance department rivals that of major airlines - which affords optimal aircraft safety and availability. And having trained pilots myself, I know what good training looks like. I'd rate the Academy's training as excellent."

As an Academy graduate with professional flying credentials, Erica joined the First Officer Program at FlightSafety's Atlanta Learning Center, training weekly on advanced flight simulators with corporate pilots. "The more I learn about aviation," she says, "and the more I see of the industry, the more I respect FlightSafety Academy."



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FLIGHTSAFETY ACADEMY AT VERO BEACH, FLORIDA



Retired Air Force Col. William R. Austin II, former base commander at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., presents Cadet 2nd Lt. Luke Martin Marchant of South Carolina Wing's Greenville Composite Squadron the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award as 1st Lt. John Cauley, Greenville's deputy commander for cadets, looks on.

a CAP Certificate of Appreciation by 1st Lt. John Meekins, Greenville squadron's cadet commander.

Lt. Col. Perry Carroll

GREAT LAKES REGION COMMANDER COL. WILLIAM W. WEBB ILLINOIS * INDIANA KENTUCKY + MICHIGAN OHIO + WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS - Illinois Wing Group 2 members participated in a rededication ceremony of the Middle East Conflict Wall Memorial in Marseilles, Ill.

The memorial honors those who have died in recent Middle East wars from 1980 until the present, including those killed in Operation Desert Storm, the Lebanon barracks bombing, Operation Desert Shield, the USS Cole bombing, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Originally dedicated June 19, 2004, the rededication ceremony was organized as part of the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run. More than 20,000 motorcyclists gathered

at the Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., to make the trip to Marseilles.

The ceremony began at noon with an invocation by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Wayne Harrison with the Lincolnway Composite Squadron. Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn, the keynote speaker, led the reading of more than 700 names that have been added to the wall since its dedication in 2004.

Also reading the list of names were family members of the fallen heroes, service men who served with them, the mayor and chief of police of Marseilles, and representatives from each of the military branches

Capt. John Patrizi, commander of the Lincolnway Composite Squadron, read the names representing the U.S. Air Force

Group 2 cadets with the Lincolnway and Lewis composite squadrons were part of the honor guard at the wall during the ceremonies. Two members representing each branch of the military were posted beside a segment of the wall.

The cadets were in charge of color guard duty. They raised the U.S., Illinois state and MIA flags to half mast.

Group 2 members participating at the dedication were senior members Maj. Joseph Kouba, Group 2 commander, Capt. John Patrizi, Lincolnway Composite Squadron commander, and 1st Lts. Gerald Kincaid and Gary Krol, Lincolnway squadron, 2nd Lt. Dan Wynard, Lewis squadron; and cadets 2nd Lt. Bryan Hamm and Master Sgt. Patrick Brennan, both with the Lincolnway squadron, Senior Airman Paige Elliott, Airman 1st Class Ryan Blaskey

and Airman Nick Ficarotta, with the Lewis squadron.

Chaplain Harrison closed the ceremony with a benediction and then the wall was opened for public viewing.

2nd Lt. Dan Wynard

ILLINOIS - Palwaukee Composite Squadron members took part in an Air Forceevaluated exercise and air

Fourteen squadron members participated in the Illinois Wing exercise in Frankfort, Ill., while other members supported the first annual Discover Flying Day at Palwaukee Municipal Airport, in Wheeling, Ill.

Capt. Bob Williams, Palwaukee squadron commander, participated in the communications portion of the exercise along with Maj. Steve Handler and Capt. Dave

Picek. Lt. Col. Lou Wipotnik. Capt. John Mitchell and 1st Lt. Dan Naumann served as wing aircrew members.

At the Discover Flying Day, Capt. Paul Hanna, the Palwaukee squadron's deputy commander, and 2nd Lt. Joe Long worked an information and recruiting booth. Maj. John Giordano and 2nd Lts. Bob Gould and Charles Brown maintained perimeter security around the six aircraft on static display and also kept a watch to ensure visitors did not stray out onto airport taxiways

Capt. John Hanusin assisted the Experimental Aircraft Association with registrations for the Young Eagles flights that were ongoing throughout the event. Lt. Col. Charles Boyle and Maj. Dale Machalleck also helped with the information booth.

Capt. Paul Hanna

MICHIGAN - Kellogg Field Senior Squadron aircrews participated in a search and rescue competition

"We were looking for a new approach to make training more interesting and thought a competition would be a good way to motivate the crews" says Maj. Edmond Verville, squadron commander.

The participants formed their own crews and then multiple "targets" were placed on the ground in the area. The members were then given a realistic scenario and took off to locate the targets.

The crew that found the most targets and completed every task satisfactorily was

1st Lt. Rick Crepas and 2nd Lts. Pat Murphy and Mike Sandstrom.

"It was an excellent way to practice and we feel it really helped us to remain proficient for our missions," said Lieutenant Crepas.

2nd Lt. Mike Sandstrom

OHIO - Two Columbus Cadet Squadron cadets won two out of the three Ohio Wing awards during the cadet competition.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Schoessler was named Ohio Wing Honor Cadet and Cadet 1st Lt. Justin Baier was named Ohio Wing Cadet of the Year.

Capt. Steve Jones, Ohio Wing director of cadet programs presented the awards.

Cadet Schoessler is an 18vear-old home-schooled senior. He has been a member of CAP for two years, serving as element leader, flight sergeant, aerospace education officer, first sergeant and recruiting officer.

Cadet Baier is a 15-yearold home-schooled sophomore. He has been a member of CAP for more than two years, serving as a cadet element leader, flight sergeant and flight commander. He also served as the assistant public affairs officer for the Columbus squadron in 2004 and as a flight sergeant for the 2004 Great Lakes Regional Encampment, and will serve as a flight commander during the woo5 Ohio Wing encampment.

WISCONSIN - La Crosse Composite Squadron members participated in the 2005 Deke Slayton Airfest at the Municipal Airport in La Crosse, Wis.

> Squadron members volunteered approximately 600 hours, providing crowd-line security, grounds safety and a crew to display one of the unit's Cessna C-

The La Crosse squadron color guard presented the colors twice to start each day of the event. Lt. Col. Richard Hanesworth; Maj. Tedd Agnello; Capts. Ralph Whiting, Jim Hanesworth and Gary Raabel; 2nd Lts. Kirk Malgren and Dave Snyder; and Cadets Brad Byington



Illinois Wing cadets 2nd Lt. Bryan Hamm, Lincolnway Composite Squadron and Senior Airman Paige Elliott, Lewis Composite Squadron, serve as part of the honor guard at the Middle East Conflict Wall Memorial rededication ceremony.

and Chris Hampson also provided nighttime security for the airfest grounds and airport ramp areas where military aircraft were parked.

According to the airfest security director, this additional duty was crucial to the successful fulfillment of the requirements to host a U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds appearance.

Maj. Tedd Agnello

SOUTH-EAST REGION COMMANDER COL. MATTHEW SHARKEY ALABAMA + FLORIDA GEORGIA * MISSISSIPPI

ALABAMA - Members of the Springville Composite Squadron hosted the Camp Waid Emergency Services Bivouac in Springville, Ala.

PUERTO RICO

Activities included line searches, compass courses, scene management, swimming and fishing.

Members of Alabama's Springville, Pell City and Redstone Composite squadrons participated, as well as members of the Pell City Police Explorers

Attending the bivouac were senior members Col. Frank Waid, Capt. Melody Compton, 1st Lts. Michael Johnson and Jan Hulsey, 2nd Lt. Michael McEntyre and Jerry Martin. Cadets attending were Maj. Andrew Johnson, 2nd Lt. Erin Compton, Chief Master Sgts. Morgan Bennett and Chester Kraft, Staff Sgt. Patrick Lang, and Airmen Tyler Compton, Chandler Johnson and Cheyne Eaddy. Also attending the bivouac was Capt. Kenneth McEntyre.

Capt. Kenneth McEntyre

FLORIDA - The Florida Wing held its 2005 Annual Conference in the Sheraton World Resort in Orlando, Fla.

Commanders of the 11 groups and 92 squadrons and many senior and junior

members of the composite and cadet squadrons were present.

Representatives from **CAP National Headquarters** and the Southeast Region also attended.

Highlights included concurrent sessions covering CAP's mission objectives, ranging from aerospace education to homeland security, and an assembly address by retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Richard A. Ortega, vice president for Aerospace Education, Florida Air Force Association.

Chief. Ortega explained AFA's CAP Squadron Cadet of the Year, CAP Unit Grant Program and CAP Educator Grant programs. He encouraged squadron commanders to actively participate in the Outstanding Cadet of the Year recognition program.

During the conference, Mr. Ortega received the 2004 Florida CAP Brewer Lifetime Achievement Award for his excellence in aerospace education excellence in support of CAP's missions.

The award was presented by then Acting CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda, Southeast Region Commander Col. Matthew Sharkey, Florida Wing Commander Col. Joseph Martin and Florida Wing Aerospace Education Director Lt. Col. John Lynn.

It was also announced Mr. Ortega will receive the CAP Southeast Region Frank G. Brewer Lifetime Award, to be presented during the CAP National Convention in August in St. Louis, Mo.

GEORGIA - More than 200 members of the Georgia Wing attended the largest wing conference ever held at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

The keynote speaker for the awards banquet was Brig. Gen. Scott A. Hammond, Georgia Air National Guard commander.

Two Gen. Carl A. Spaatz awards were presented by Gen. Hammond to Cadet Cols. Carl. G. Godbee, Savannah Composite Squadron, and Rodney C.N. Joye, Griffin Composite Squadron.

Col. Don Greene, Georgia Wing commander, presented the Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award to Cadet Lt. Col. Megan E. Gallagher, Sandy Springs Cadet Squadron.

Col. Greene also presented an Amelia Earhart Award to Cadet Capt. Jonathan Merck, Stephens County Composite Squadron.

Other awards presented included:

→ Chaplain James Howell - Chaplain of the

→ Maj. John Reed -Communicator of the Year;

→ 2nd Lt. David Babulski Aerospace Educator of the Year;

→ Maj. John Tucciarone Frank G. Brewer Aerospace Education Award;

→ Robert L. Stapleton — Frank G. Brewer Aerospace Education Award;

→ 1st Lt. Paige Joyner — Public Affairs Officer of the Year;

→ Capt. Andrew Zimmerman - Safety Officer of the Year;

→ Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron National Squadron of Distinc-

→ Gwinnett County Composite Squadron Squadron of Merit;

→ Gwinnett County Composite Squadron — Unit Citation;

→ Lt. Col. Martha McGaughey — Outstanding Wing Staff Officer of the Year;

→ Group 4, Lt. Col. Marl McCracken, commander Group of the Year;

→ Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron — Senior Squadron of the Year;

→ Augusta Composite Squadron - Composite Squadron of the Year;

→ Sandy Springs Cadet Squadron — Cadet Squadron of the Year:

→ Cadet Capt. Thomas Clark — Outstanding Cadet of the Year Ben Stone Award;

→ Maj. Deborah Schmid — Georgia Wing Outstanding Senior Member of the Year.

Special guests included Georgia Air National Guard Command Chief Betty Morgan; Col. Matthew Sharkey, Southeast Region commander;

and Col. James Rushing. Tennessee Wing member. Capt. Tonya Boylan

MISSISSIPPI - Members of the Jackson Composite Squadron participated in a promotion ceremony, a cadet change-of-command and a going away party for a cadet accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

During the promotion ceremony, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Benjamin Rowland was presented with his second lieutenant shoulder boards.

Helping pin on the new boards were his father, U.S. Army Master Sgt. Steven Rowland, and 2nd Lt. Tommy Rector, squadron deputy commandant of cadets.

At the formal cadet change-of-command ceremony, Capt. Robert D. Grete relinquished command as cadet commander to Cadet Rowland. The ceremony was presided over by Maj. James S. McKinnie, squadron commander. He was assisted by Lieutenant Rector.

The going-away party was hosted by squadron parents and senior members in honor of Cadet Grete, who was leaving for West Point.

According to Maj. McKinnie, Cadet Grete has served CAP with distinction for the past eight years.

TENNESSEE -

Berryfield Composite Squadron Cadet 2nd Lt. Emily Anne Purcell received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy as a member of the 2009 graduating class.

Cadet Purcell plans to major in physics and become an Air Force pilot.

She graduated in 2005 from Martin Luther King Magnet School in Nashville, Tenn., as a distinguished scholar honors



Cadet 2nd Lt. **Emily Anne** Purcell

student. She received scholarship offers from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee State University and Air Force

"My interest in the Air Force was developed through my endeavors with CAP.

ALABAMA CADETS FLY WITH SPECIAL FORCES



Cadets with Alabama Wing's 117th Air **National Guard** Composite Squadron out of Birmingham, Ala., pose for a picture after going on an Air National Guard C-130 Hercules flight with members of the Army National Guard's 20th Special Forces Group, also out of Birmingham. Cadets pictured are, from left, Airman Basic Steven Jones, Airman Becky Balliet. Airman 1st Class Alana Nichols, Senior Master Sgt. Joshua Davenport, Senior Master Sqt. Katie Owens, Airman 1st Class Andrew Christwell and Maj. Mike Phillips.

which taught me about leadership. I am now in a leadership position and am honored to give back to other cadets what was given to me. If anyone wants to attend the Air Force Academy, they should join CAP because it will prepare them well," Cadet Purcell said.

Cadet Purcell hopes to come back in a few years after graduation from the academy to become a squadron deputy commander and to continue working with cadets. She is the daughter of David and Gail Purcell; she has a twin sister, Caitlin.

Capt. Lynn A. Dalton

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

COMMANDER COL. REX E. GLASGOW

IOWA * KANSAS MINNESOTA * MISSOURI NEBRASKA * NORTH DAKOTA SOUTH DAKOTA

KANSAS - The third annual Kansas Wing Emergency Services Academy was held on the grounds of Camp Tomah Shinga, four miles south of Junction City, Kan.

Members from seven Kansas squadrons and wing headquarters staff attended the academy, dubbed by wing officials as the wing's most extensive and intensive emergency services training program.

The academy offers members training in all skills essential to qualification and participation in CAP's emergency services mission.

Not counting the outbound flights home, aircrews managed to garner approximately 17.5 hours of flying time in the first weekend session. This allowed members to accomplish many tasks aircrew members have problems getting checked off during other missions and search and rescue exercises.

Ground team members completed five missions on Friday and Saturday night, and two more on Sunday morning. Lt. Col. Ed Hill also devised a special nighttime course that challenged the teams' skills.

During the exercise, attendees had the opportunity to practice their flight line aircraft marshalling techniques

1st Lt. Mark P. Schock

MINNESOTA - Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Mikitta Jr., Red Wing Composite Squadron, received the Distinguished Service Award in Alexandria, Va.

The award was presented to Chaplain Mikitta during the 2005 Military Chaplain Association's recognition

Chaplain Mikitta is a 25year veteran of CAP. He presently serves as the Minnesota Wing director of cadet programs. He also serves as the North Central Region deputy chaplain, Red Wing Composite Squadron chaplain and Troop 32 Boy Scout chaplain in Red Wing, Minn.

"He has been considered a role model for chaplains in the North Central Region for many years," said Chaplain Lt. Col. Ron Tottingham,

North Central Region chap-

Chaplain Mikitta was raised in DeLand, Fla., graduating in June 1969 from DeLand High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a munitions maintenance specialist. While in Okinawa he realized his need for a relationship with Jesus Christ.

After serving in the Air Force, Chaplain Mikitta attended and graduated from Lexington Baptist College, Lexington, Ky., in 1976. He received his ordination from Bryan Station Baptist Church in Lexington. He joined CAP in 1979 after assuming the pastorate of Landmark Baptist Church in Red Wing, Minn. In 2001, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities by the Great Plains Baptist Divinity School in Sioux Falls, S.D. In 2004, he was named the CAP Senior Chaplain of the Year.

The MCA holds its recognition ceremony each year in conjunction with its national institute. This year, the conference drew about 100 members from throughout the nation. The three-day event

included business meetings, the election of new national officers and training seminars

Capt. Al Pabon

MINNESOTA - Minnesota Wing Group One members sponsored a squadron leadership school in Grand Rapids, Minn.

The two-day training course was hosted by the members of the Grand Rapids Composite Squadron.

The following topics were covered: organization of CAP, how to progress in CAP, CAP-U.S. Air Force liaison structure, effective communications and emergency services operations.

Course graduates included:

→ Capt. Jim Harris, 1st Lts. Dianne Harris and Brian Grey and 2nd Lt. Tom Hill, Cass County Squadron:

→ 1st Lts. Terrance Best and Ken Hartwig and Sr. Mbr. Mat Shadrick. Northland Composite Squad-

≯ 1st Lt. Earl Gibson and Sr. Mbr. Mike Blowers, Northwest Minnesota Composite Squadron;

≯ 2nd Lts. Penny Hadrava and Fred Hoshal and Sr. Mbrs. Adam Dimich, Tom Flemming and Tyrel Shue, Grand Rapids Composite Squadron; and

≯ 2nd Lt. Mark Johnston, Duluth Composite Squadron.

SLS instructors and staff included:

→ Cols. Steve Miller and Kevin Sliwinski, Minnesota Wing Headquarters;

→ Mai. Dave Odette, Group One:

Maj. Bob Stein, Grand Rapids squadron;

* Capt. Rich Yeager, Cass squadron; and

→ Capt. Brian Freseman, Duluth squadron.

Major Odette served as the director; Captain Paulette Odette, assistant director; and 1st Lt. Jim Miller, logistics officer.

Capt. Paulette Odette

MISSOURI - Platte Valley Squadron cadets were presented awards during the squadron's awards and parents night.

More than 50 parents, members and guests attended the ceremony.

Cadet Capts. Dakota T. Maddox and Kevin L. Mills were presented their Amelia Earhart Award by U.S. Army Reservist Col. Alfred B. Carlton, commander of the 6th Brigade, 95th Division.

Cadet Maddox is a junior. at North Kansas City High School, North Kansas City, Mo., and Cadet Mills is a junior at Piper High School, Kansas City, Mo.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Andrew J. Burnos was presented his Gen. Billy Mitchell Award by Col. Joe E. Casler, Missouri Wing commander. He was presented the Air Force Association's Squadron Cadet of the Year Award by Rodney G. Horton, Harry S. Truman Chapter No. 185 vice president for communications. This is the first time the AFA has given the award to a Platte Valley member.

Cadet Burnos was also presented the VFW Outstanding Cadet Officer Award by Army Reservist Lt. Col. Robert N. Blevins with the 95th Division. He presented the award to Cadet Burnos on behalf of the Southern Platte VFW Post 7359.

Cadet Burnos is only the third Platte Valley cadet to



From left, Chaplain (Col.) John Murdoch, Military Chaplains Association president; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta Jr., Minnesota Wing director of Cadet Programs; and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Hicks, former CAP deputy director of Chaplain Services, pose for a photo with Chaplain Mikitta, who received the Distinguished Service Award from the Military Chaplain Association during a recognition ceremony in Alexandria, Va.

receive this honor. He is the only cadet in the squadron to receive both the AFA and VFW awards. Cadet Burnos is a junior at Parkhill South High School in Kansas City.

Cadet Tech. Sgt. Kristin Venzian was presented the Air Force Sergeants Association's Outstanding Cadet NCO Award by retired Air Force Master Sgt. Glen L. Oden, president of Chapter 804 of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Cadet Venzian is the only squadron cadet to receive an AFSA award. She is a sophomore at Parkhill South High School in Kansas City.

Lt. Col. Wesley Biggs Sr.

NEBRASKA - The Lee Bird Composite Squadron was presented the Transportation Security Administration's Friendship Award during a ceremony at the North Platte Regional Airport in North Platte, Neb.

Reno Bamford, regional director of the Transportation Security Administration in Lincoln, Neb., presented the award to Capt. Barbara Nitz, squadron commander.

During the ceremony, Mr. Bamford cited instances in which Lee Bird squadron members provided assistance to the TSA during several commercial airline emergencies that ended at the North Platte airport.

The squadron was nominated for the award by John Browers, TSA manager in North Platte:

Lt. Col. James Nitz

SOUTH-WEST REGION

COMMANDER COL. THOMAS L. TODD

ARIZONA * ARKANSAS LOUISIANA * NEW MEXICO OKLAHOMA * TEXAS

ARKANSAS - Members of the 99th Composite Squadron held their first parents and quarterly awards night to recognize cadets for their achievements during the first quarter of 2005.

Several cadets also received promotions and new duty assignments.

Quarterly award winners were cadets Cody Davis, Wesley Shannon and Robert Compton.

Cadet Davis received the Cadet of the Quarter award and was promoted to airman first class

Cadet Shannon received the best aerospace test score for the quarter and was made the unit's flight sergeant

Cadet Compton received the best leadership test score for the quarter, was promoted to cadet airman and received a Certificate of First Flight for taking his first orientation flight in a CAP aircraft.

Cadet Matt Melton was promoted to second lieutenant and assigned as the cadet flight commander for the squadron. He was also the recipient of the 2004 Air Force Association Cadet of the Year award. This award is given to a cadet who demonstrates outstanding abilities in areas of leadership and aerospace.

Cadet Clayton Arms was named cadet deputy commander. He previously served as cadet flight commander for the squadron.

The following cadets received the 100-Percent Club Award for meeting attendance and proper uniform wear: Clayton Arms, Brandon Looney, Robert Compton, Matt Melton, Cody Davis and Lemuel Strange.

Also recognized were new cadets Tabitha Nilsen and Jason Adams

Col. Larry Webster

OKLAHOMA - Seven Starbase Composite Squadron cadets guarded the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow, Okla., during Memorial Day weekend.

The cadets performed a morning wreath-laying ceremony and then walked their post nonstop for the rest of the day. They also performed the changing-of-theguard ceremony every 30 minutes

The Starbase Color Guard



Gladewater Corsair Composite Squadron Cadets 2nd Lt. Stephen Mouton, left, and Capt. Kyle Vaughn pose for a photo after flying solo in Cessna 172s during a summer flight encampment at the Texas State Technical College Airport near Waco: Texas.

also presented the colors on behalf of a local Air National Guard unit that was unable to fulfill its commitments due to deployments.

Capt. Joe Cavett

TEXAS – Twenty-three cadets from the Texas Wing attended a statewide summer flight encampment at the Texas State Technical College Airport near Waco, Texas.

The cadets graduated after receiving six days of ground school and up to 10 hours of flight instruction.

Twenty of the cadets were recommended for solo flight by a certified Federal Aviation Administration instructor

Two Gladewater Corsair Composite Squadron cadets were awarded their wings after flying solo in a Cessna C-172. Cadets Capt. Kyle Vaughn and 2nd Lt. Stephen Mouton have both been members of the Gladewater Corsair squadron for more than four years.

Cadet Vaughn will be a junior at Mount Pleasant High School this fall in Waco, and Cadet Mouton will be a junior at Pine Tree High School in Waco.

Both cadets plan to continue their flight lessons this summer and to get their private pilot license; they also hope to attend a service academy and become military

Fifteen CAP pilots from the Texas Wing who are FAAcertified flight instructors donated their time during the encampment.

The cadets stayed in barracks at the airport, which is a former military base. The airport is on the edge of the presidential restricted flying area, requiring CAP to make special arrangements with the FAA and Secret Service to conduct the training missions during the part of the week when President Bush was at his ranch near Waco.

Capt. Rick Block

TEXAS - Two Thunderbird Composite Squadron cadets received their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards.

Maj. Dennis Cima, Group 13 commander, presented the awards to Nicholas Combs and Cameron Thompson.

Cadet Combs is a member of the Sheldon Cadet Squadron drill team. The team represented the Texas Wing and Southwest Region in the 2005 National Cadet Competition in Washington, D.C.

Cadet Thompson is a sophomore at Cypress Ridge High School and a member of both the Ram Marching Band and Boy Scout Troop 251. He plans to attend the University of Texas through the ROTC program there and then attend flight school to become a fighter pilot.

He is a member of the Sheldon Cadet Squadron drill team, and was a member of the 2003 and 2004 color guard teams that went to Dayton both years for the National Cadet Competition. Cadet Thompson commanded the 2004 team, which placed second, and Cadet Combs served as its guidon bearer. 1st Lt. Denise Thompson

TEXAS - Gregg County Composite Squadron members held a change-of-command ceremony in which Mai. Michael Cobb relinquished command to 1st Lt. Steve Schluter.

The ceremony was officiated by Lt. Col. Dennis M. Bennett, Group 7 commander

Maj. Cobb has accepted the position of finance officer with Texas Wing Headquar-

A member of the Gregg County squadron since 2000, Maj. Cobb who is a qualified mission aircrew member, a graduate of the CAP Corporate Leadership Course and Southeast Region Staff College.

Lt. Schluter was a cadet in the Gregg County squadron. A Navy veteran, he served on board the USS Nimitz, the NAS Chasefield and NAS Dallas with a series of Navy air squadrons before reentering civilian life as a designer for LeTourneau Inc. He is a qualified pilot and has served in various capacities in CAP, including safety officer, logistics officer and administrative officer, and he has been closely involved with the cadet program.

2nd Lt. Doug Camp

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

COMMANDER COL. LYNDA C. ROBINSON

> COLORADO + IDAHO MONTANA * UTAH WYOMING

COLORADO - Evergreen Composite Squadron members toured the 2nd

Space Warning Squadron facility at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colo.

Cadets, senior members and family members were given a presentation on the history of the unit and the space warning program's current capabilities and future plans.

Serving as tour guide for the facility — a secure area located in the center of Buckley Air Force Base was Air Force Lt. Col. Steven Smith, 2nd SWS commander.

After the presentation, members visited the unit's 60foot-wide radar domes and support facilities. The domes contain satellite dishes that allow SWS members to communicate with warning satellites. The domes have been nicknamed "God's golf balls" because they resemble giant golf balls.

Following the tour, the group visited the lobby of the control building where Col. Smith discussed current and future space-warning satel-

Evergreen squadron members participating in the tour were senior members Capts. David Young and Dean Anderson, 1st Lt. Andrew Rajca and 2nd Lt. Kathie McAlpine-Anderson; and Cadets Capt. Jacob Young, 2nd Lts. Nathan Hardy and Kim Smith and Chief Master Sgt. Laura Reichart.

Several family members also participated.

Capt. Robert Smith of the wing's Jeffco Senior Squadron helped organize the tour.

1st Lt. Andrew Rajca

UTAH - Cadet Capt. Justin Borgerding of the Minuteman Composite Squadron received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Cadet Borgerding was scheduled to report to the academy July 1 as a member of the class of 2009.

Cadet Borgerding joined CAP in the ninth grade, and during his three-year membership he achieved the rank of captain, earned his Gen. Billy Mitchell and Amelia Earhart awards, and served as cadet commander of the Weber Minuteman Composite Squadron.

Cadet Borgerding's CAP awards and achievements

also include the Wright Brothers Award, Outstanding Cadet Officer Award, Red Service Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars Outstanding Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Award and National Blue Beret Award, Academic recognition includes the Academic Performance in Science Award, the President's Award for Educational Excellence and

Foreign Language Student in Spanish Award. In addition

to his CAP activities. Cadet Borgerding has been active in

Cadet Capt. Justin Borgerding

athletics. He enjoys hockey,

soccer and track, and still finds time to volunteer in many community events and Hill Air Force Base activities.

"I have a great desire to serve my country, as both of my parents have, as an officer and pilot with an excellent education from the Air Force Academy, which is second to none. I wish to express my thanks to my great parents for giving me the opportunity and guidance to achieve my goals and dreams," Cadet Borgerding said.

Capt. David A. Young

WYOMING - Sixty people attended the first Cloud Peak Composite Squadron awards banquet at the Sheridan Armory.

1st Lt. Jamie Foy, squadron commander, directed the ceremonies.

Special guests included Lt. Cols. James Henderson and Robert Byrd with the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse

Special recognition was given to the following members:

[Lt. Col. Ben Peterson -Lifetime Achievement Award for 23 years of CAP service;

1st Lt. Patricia Larson Senior Member of the Year; and

Cadet Airman Heather Gould - Cadet of the Year.

Keynote speaker Cadet Commander Lt. Col. Karl Heine, reviewed the squadron's short history. He told how the squadron has

grown from two interested cadets to more than 20 active members

Cadet Heine was also honored for his leadership during the formation of the squadron's cadet program.

With Cadet Heine's acceptance to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a change-of-command ceremony was also held, with Cadet Staff Sgt. Vance Swett assuming the position of cadet commander.

Capt. Bill Heine



COMMANDER COL. MERLE V. STARR

ALASKA * CALIFORNIA HAWAII * NEVADA OREGON * WASHINGTON

ALASKA - Birchwood Composite Squadron Cadet Capt. Brian A. Slater received his Amelia Earhart Award during a private ceremony at the federal courthouse in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Honorable Ralph R. Beistline, U.S. District Court, District of Alaska, presented Cadet Slater his award.



Cadet Melissa N. McCargar, John J. Montgomery Memorial Cadet Squadron cadet commander, receives a certificate of recognition from Air Force Capt. Donald L. Bush Jr., unit admissions officer for AFROTC Detachment 045, San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif. Cadet McCargar received an Air Force ROTC scholarship and will attend the University of Arizona in the fall.

Cadet Slater has been a member of CAP for nearly four years, joining in August 2001 in Ocala, Fla. As a Florida cadet, he earned his Gen. Billy Mitchell Award in July 2003. He moved to Alaska in March 2004 and was soon appointed cadet commander of the Birchwood squadron.

Cadet Slater, a homeschooled student, will begin his senior year of high school, as well as a dual enrollment

at the University of Alaska Anchorage, in the fall of 2005.

After graduation, Cadet Slater plans to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, to earn his master's degree in aerospace engineering and to work for Lockheed Martin or National Aeronautics & Space Administration.

Capt. John W. Erickson

CALIFORNIA - Cadet Melissa N. McCargar, John J. Montgomery Memorial Cadet Squadron cadet commander, received an Air Force ROTC scholarship during a squadron opening formation.

Capt. Donald L. Bush Jr., unit admissions officer for AFROTC Detachment 045, San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif., presented Cadet McCargar her scholar-

Capt. Bush also presented Cadet McCargar her certificate of recognition.

'Melissa is phenomenal. She will be a huge success in AFROTC and as an Air Force officer. She competed against more than 16,000. students nationwide and is one of just over 2,000 selected for the scholarship. Depending upon the school, her major and her performance, her scholarship is, at a minimum, worth more than \$60,000 and possibly as much as \$90,000," he said.



The Honorable Ralph R. Beistline, U.S. District Court, District of Alaska, left, presents Birchwood Composite Squadron Cadet Cap. Brian A. Slater his Amelia Earhart Award during a private ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Anchorage, Alaska.

Cadet McCargar will attend the University of Arizona this fall to pursue a degree in psychology. Maj. Mike Montgomery

NEVADA - Clark County Composite Squadron senior member 1st Lt. John Daugherty received the Federal Aviation Administration's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

The award was presented by Nancy Haugarth, local Las Vegas Flight Standards District Office manager of the Aviation Safety Program Office, in front of family and friends at the North Las Vegas Air Terminal.

Representing the Pacific Region at the ceremony was Lt. Col. Rezk Mohamed III. assistant editor of Nevada's "Silver Wings" magazine.

Lt. Col. Rezk Mohamed II

 $\mathbf{OREGON} - \mathbf{Medford}$ Composite Squadron cadets Staff Sgt. Jacob Wilson, Tech. Sgt. Justin Murphy and Airman Basic Derrick Bauer received awards and promotions recently.

Cadet Bauer was awarded the Gen. John F. Curry Award and promoted to cadet airman, Cadet Wilson was awarded the Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Award and

promoted to technical sergeant and Cadet Murphy was awarded the Charles A. Lindbergh Award and promoted to master sergeant.

Cadet Bauer, a member of CAP since January 2005, was named Cadet of the Month for April 2005. He has participated in orientation flights. model rocket launches and one Citizens on the Battlefield exercise with the Oregon National Guard. He is working toward an appointment to a military academy, and hopes to get his pilot's license. Cadet Bauer is the son of Doug and Kassandra Bauer. He attends Eagle Point Middle School in Eagle Point, Ore.

Cadet Wilson was named Cadet of the Month for February 2005. He is the Medford squadron's Bravo Flight sergeant. He has attended a number of CAP exercises and orientation flights and formerly served as a color guard member for the unit. He is a junior at North Medford High School in Medford, Ore.

Cadet Murphy, a member of CAP since January 2004, was named Cadet of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2005. He is the squadron's Alpha Flight sergeant, is the recipient of community service

and recruiting ribbons, and is a home-schooled sophomore from Central Point, Ore. He has been a drummer in the All-State Jazz Band. His plans include becoming involved with the Department of Homeland Security and becoming a minister in the United Pentecostal Church.

De Davis-Guy

OVERSEAS UNITS

COMMANDER MR. DONNIE ROWLAND

> GERMANY IAPAN * OKINAWA

JAPAN - Ten Okinawa Cadet Squadron members volunteered during the 2005 Okinawa Marathon.

Cadets and senior members joined hundreds of volunteers, assisting with one of two marathons held in Okinawa, Japan.

For approximately five hours, members gathered near the Mainstreet Food Court to

cheer on runners and hand out fruit to participants as they passed through Kadena

Earlier that morning, cadets helped members of the base's 18th Services Squadron pitch tents and set out chairs for the volunteer booths. At the booths, cadets handed out oranges and bananas to passing runners.

The cadets turned the fruit distribution into fun. "We had a contest to see who could pass out the most fruit to runners," said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Dondovano.

After the last of the runners passed by the fruit stations, the members turned into a cleanup crew, picking up fruit peelings and taking down tents

Okinawa squadron senior members who participated were 2nd Lt. Erin Reilly, squadron commander; Capt. Anthony Chu; and 2nd Lt. Aida Dondoyano. Cadets; who participated were Master Sgts. Brianna Tarpey and Curtis Dondoyano; Airmen 1st Class Corey Pickens and Terrell Gunn; Airman Michael Brokas; and Airmen Basic Stephanie Victoria and Angela Victoria.

Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Remey Dondoyano

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